BAREFOOT GEN

A CARTOON STORY OF HIROSHIMA

KEIJI NAKAZAWA

ORIGINALS

About *Barefoot Gen*

BAREFOOT GEN (*Hadashi no Gen* in the original Japanese) is an autobiographical story. Author Keiji Nakazawa was seven years old when the atomic bomb was dropped on his city. "Gen" (pronounced with a hard *g*) is a Japanese name meaning "roots" or "source", as the author explains:

> I named my main character Gen in the hope that he would become a root or source of strength for a new generation of mankind—one that can tread the charred soil of Hiroshima barefoot, feel the earth beneath its feet, and have the strength to say "no" to nuclear weapons . . . I myself would like to live with Gen's strength—that is my ideal, and I will continue pursuing it through my work.

Hadashi no Gen was first serialized in 1972–3 in *Shukan Shonen Jampu*, the largest weekly comic magazine in Japan, with a circulation of over two million. It is a graphic and moving account of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and its aftermath, and it drew wide acclaim not only from young readers but from parents, teachers and critics as well. *Barefoot Gen* has been made into a full-length, animated feature film, which will eventually be released in North America.

Gen's story is of people dealing with inhuman situations, both in the last days of World War II and after a nuclear attack (covered in subsequent volumes). We hope *Barefoot Gen* will serve as one more reminder of the suffering war brings to innocent people, and as a unique documentation of an especially horrible source of suffering, the atomic bomb. Though this Japanese comic book differs from English language comics in many ways, we believe that *Barefoot Gen's* honest portrayal of emotions and experiences speaks to children and adults everywhere.

What is Project Gen?

PROJECT GEN was formed in 1976 by a group of young people, both Japanese and non-Japanese, living in Tokyo. We shared a desire to translate Mr. Nakazawa's work into other languages so that people outside Japan might hear Gen's message. An all-volunteer group subsisting on donations, we have managed thus far to have at least one volume of the *Barefoot Gen* series translated into French, German, Esperanto, Indonesian, Norwegian and Swedish. With the help of our many friends and readers, we hope to keep up the work of conveying Gen's message to the world—a message of human triumph in the face of unprecedented destruction and an urgent warning for our times as the threat of nuclear war increases.

WHEAT PUSHES ITS SHOOTS UP THROUGH THE WINTER FROST, ONLY TO BE STEPPED ON AGAIN AND AGAIN...

THE TRAMPLED WHEAT SENDS STRONG ROOTS INTO THE EARTH, ENDURES FROST, WIND AND SNOW, GROWS STRAIGHT AND TALL... AND ONE DAY BEARS FRUIT.

THE WHEAT'S GROWN TALL 'CAUSE WE'VE TAKEN GOOD CARE OF IT, HUH, PAPA!

中岡家の畑

I'LL GET MAMA TO MAKE BREAD WITH IT!

I WANT NOODLES!

WE'LL BE ABLE TO EAT THIS WHEAT REAL SOON, SHINJI! ISN'T THAT GREAT?

I WANNA EAT SOME RIGHT AWAY, GEN!

GEN, SHINJI-- TAKE A LESSON FROM THE WAY THIS WHEAT GROWS.

YEAH, PAPA, I KNOW, GET STEPPED ON BUT GROW STRONG. YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING THAT!

RASCALS!

APRIL, 1945... NEAR THE END OF THE PACIFIC WAR THAT JAPAN BEGAN WITH THE U.S.A. AND ENGLAND...
HIROSHIMA CITY--

TROMP TROMP TROMP

FIVE-THIRTY IN THE MORNING-
DADDY WALKS OUT THE DOOR WITH HIS LUNCHBOX FULL OF CHEAP NOODLES
IT'S A HARD LIFE FOR POOR FOLKS...
DAY IN, DAY OUT, THE FLEAS KEEP BITING...

WHE-E-E-E

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EEEEEEE
RUN
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EE...
EEK!
AIR
RAID
WARNING
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AIR
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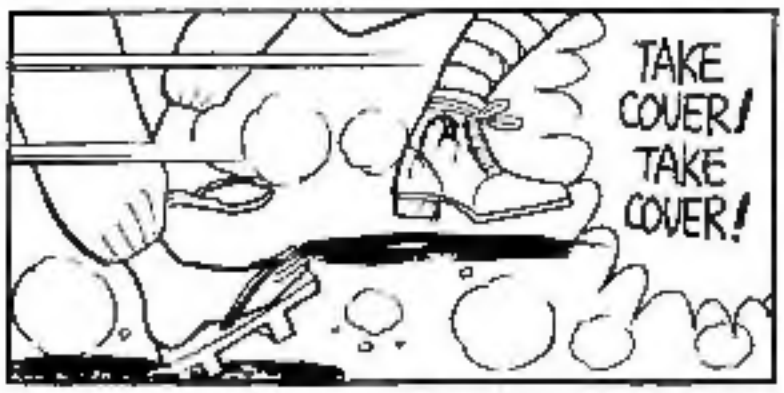

TAKE
COVER!
TAKE
COVER!

EVERYONE
READY?
PUFF, PUFF
~ M..
MAMA...
GEN, SHINJI,
QUICK,
PUT ON
YOUR
HOODS.

GUESS WHAT, EIKO,
THE WHEAT'S GROWN
REAL TALL ALREADY!
WE CAN EAT
BREAD SOON!
THAT'S
GOOD!

JUST
YOU
WAIT!
HA HA, AKIRA
CAN'T HAVE ANY,
CAUSE HE'S GOING
AWAY TO THE COUNTRY
WITH THE GROUP
EVACUATION.

ROAA AR

OK, OK, KOJI.

WHAT'RE YOU STANDING AROUND FOR. WE'RE GOING TO GET BOMBED- COME ON!

BOOM BOOM BOOM

WOW! THEY'VE STARTED FIRING THE ANTIAIRCRAFT GUNS!

YEAH. THAT'S RIGHT! GET THOSE YANKEES, SHOOT 'EM DOWN!

GEN. YOU FOOL! HURRY. GET INTO THE BOMB SHELTER!

BOOM BOOM

ROAR

WOW! THE ENEMY PLANES ARE HERE! THEY'RE COMING IN FAST!

OW!

STOP IT! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?!

REMEMBER THAT GIRL ON THE NEXT BLOCK THAT GOT KILLED BY MACHINE GUNS JUST THREE DAYS AGO? COME INSIDE!

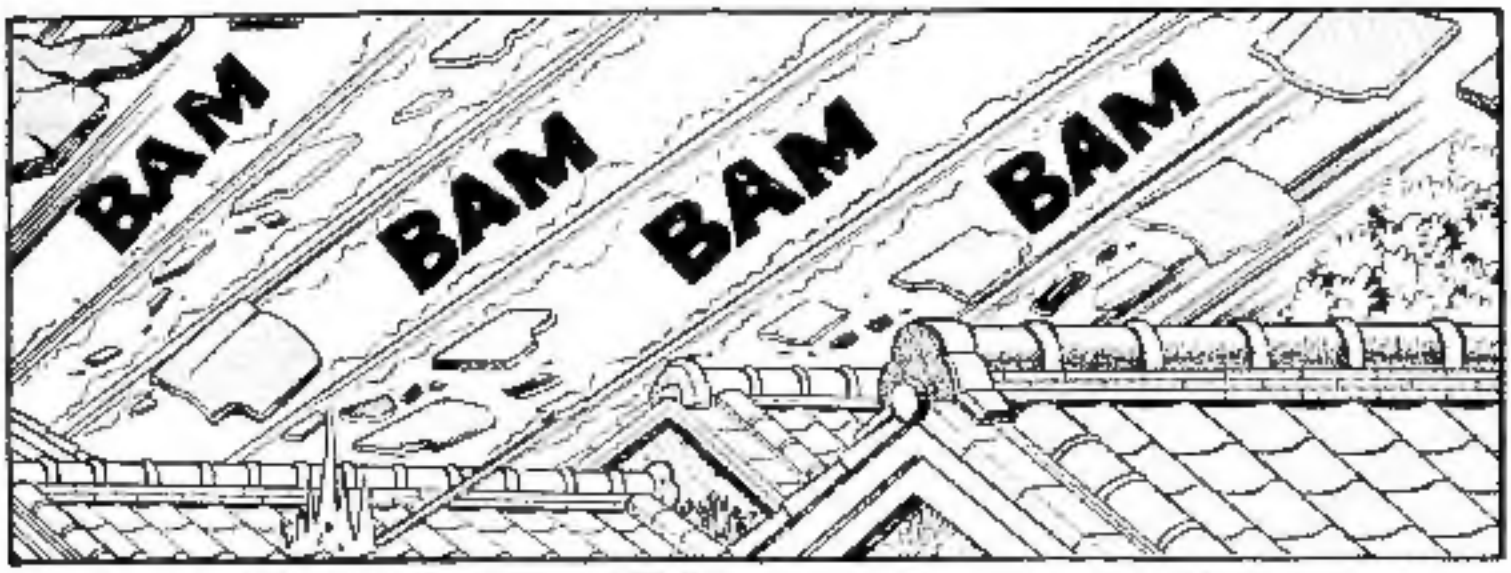
O... OKAY.

ROAR

ZOOOOM

RAT-TAT-TAT

PING PING PING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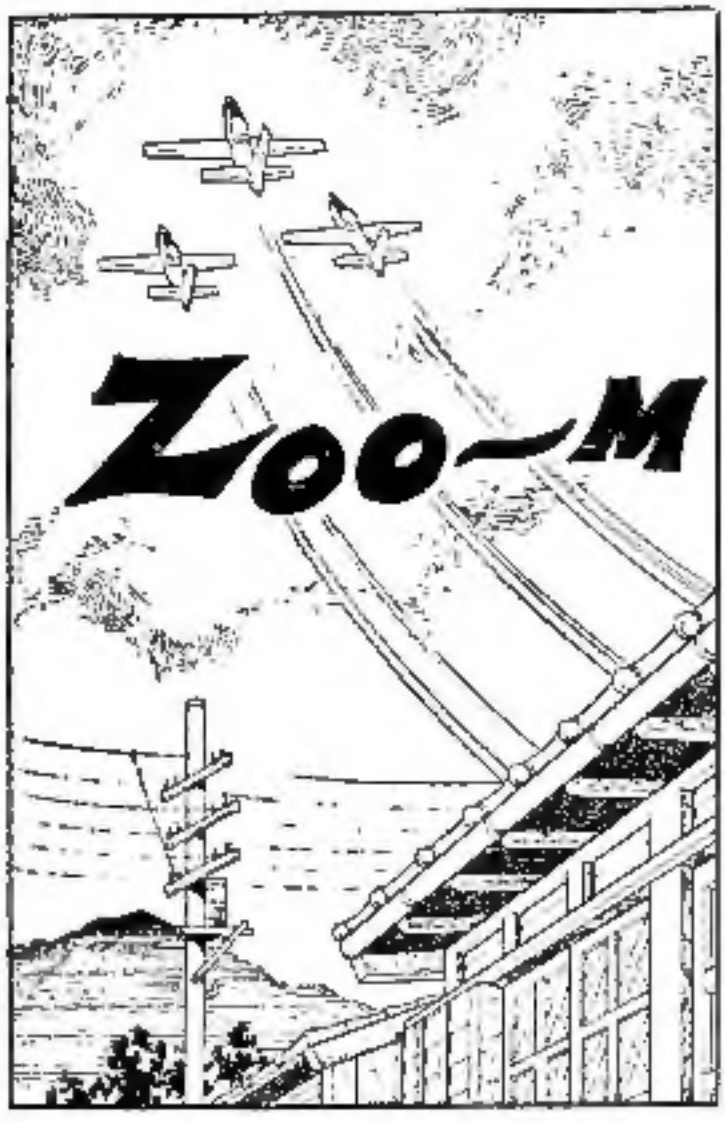

ZOO~M

THE AMERICANS HAVE THE NERVE TO ATTACK IN BROAD DAYLIGHT...
IF THIS GOES ON, JAPAN'S GOING TO LOSE THE WAR...

DEAR, DON'T SAY WE'RE GOING TO LOSE... IF THE POLICE SHOULD HEAR, YOU'D BE THROWN IN JAIL.

I'M ONLY TELLING THE TRUTH!

ALL CLEAR! ALL CLEAR!
THE ENEMY PLANES GOT AWAY...

DEAR, THERE'S SPEAR DRILL AT THREE.

IT'S RIDICULOUS! JAPAN'S GOING TO LOSE! WHY DO WE NEED ALL THESE DRILLS!

D...DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS, DEAR... YOU KNOW THE NEIGHBORS HAVE THEIR EYE ON YOU ALREADY BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS PROTESTING THE WAR.

.....
.....

OH MY...

KOJI, IT'S TIME TO GO BACK TO THE FACTORY DORM.

YEAH... I WON'T BE ABLE TO COME HOME FOR TWO WEEKS.

IS IT HARD ON YOU, KOJI, HELPING AT THE FACTORY?

Y... YEAH...

IT'S A LOT DIFFERENT FROM STUDYING IN SCHOOL. FOR JAPAN TO WIN THE WAR, STUDENTS HAVE TO HELP IN THE FACTORIES EVEN IF THEY DON'T WANT TO...

撃滅米英

SIGN: DESTROY AMERICA / DESTROY ENGLAND /

AKIRA, YOU'RE LEAVING TOO. WITH THE GROUP EVACUATION... TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

Y... YEAH...

BUT I'M GOING TO BE LONELY IN THE COUNTRY...

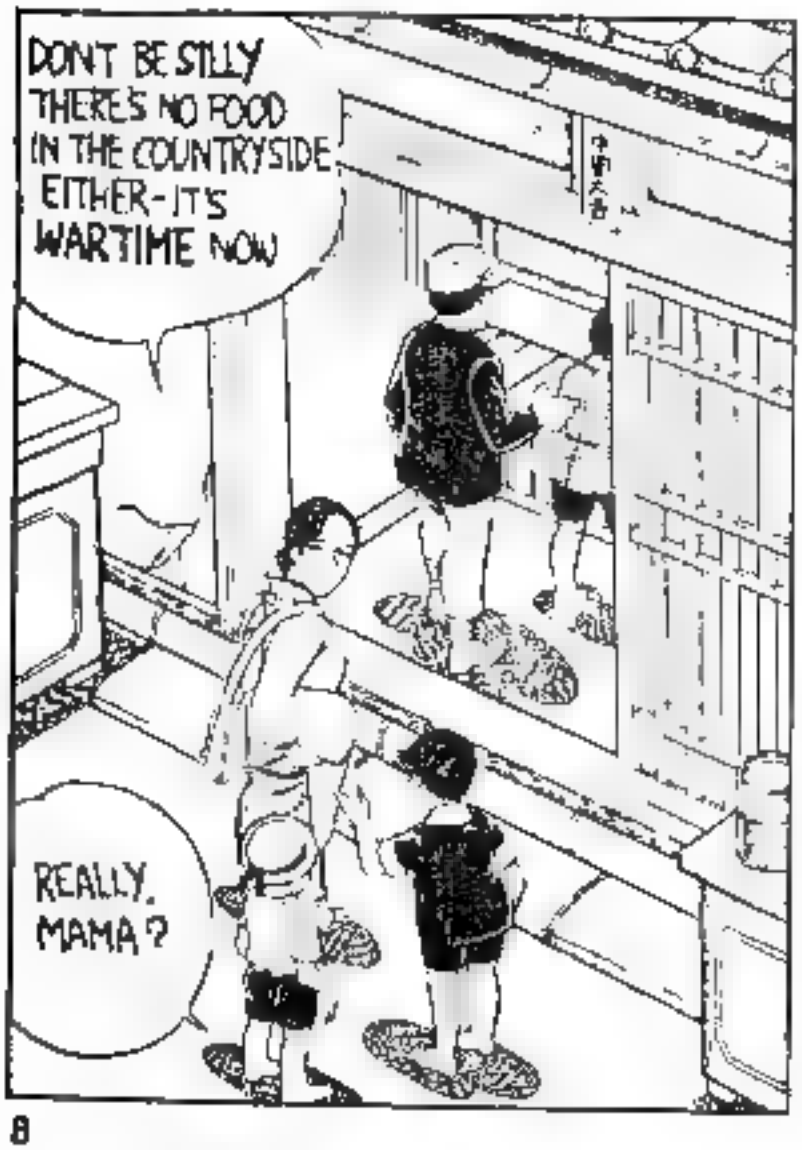
NOW, AKIRA, STOP CRYING.
FEEL BETTER KNOWING AT LEAST ONE OF YOU IS SAFE FROM THIS BOMBING

YOU'RE LUCKY, AKIRA, YOU GET TO EAT STUFF LIKE PERSIMMONS AND CHESTNUTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. I WISH I WERE GOING TOO!

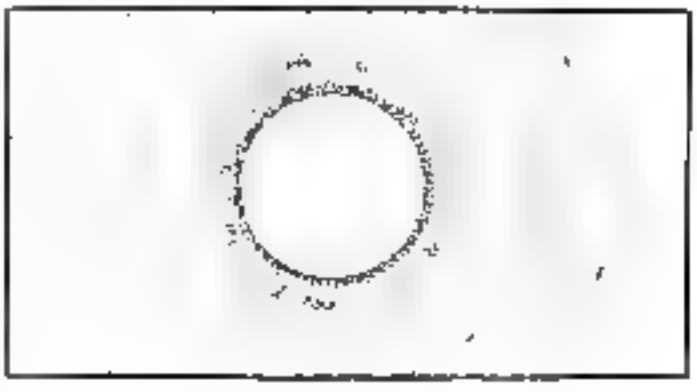
YOU'RE STILL A SECOND GRADER, GEN. SO YOU CAN'T GO. EVACUATION IS FROM THIRD GRADE

THEN WHY DOESN'T EIKO GO IF SHE'S IN FIFTH GRADE?
EIKO ISN'T STRONG ENOUGH

THAT'S TOO BAD, HUH, SIS
HMMM.


DON'T BE SILLY. THERE'S NO FOOD IN THE COUNTRYSIDE EITHER - IT'S WARTIME NOW
REALLY, MAMA?

REALLY!
OH RATS! I'D LIKE TO HAVE A BELLYFULL OF RICE JUST ONCE, HUMPH!



FLAGS "CHARGE, FIERY SPIRITS OF JAPAN! DESTROY THE AMERICAN DEVILS! DESTROY THE BRITISH FIENDS!"

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE FINAL BATTLE ON OUR MAINLAND AGAINST THE AMERICAN DEVILS AND BRITISH FIENDS, WE WILL NOW COMMENCE SPEAR DRILL.

BE STRONG, MEN!
FOR THE VICTORY OF THE GREAT EMPIRE OF JAPAN, WE HERE AT THE HOME FRONT MUST BE AS STEADFAST AS THE SOLDIERS IN THE FRONT LINES.

ECCH!

MISTER NAKAOKA— YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING!

WHO COULD PUT UP WITH THIS NONSENSE SOBER?

YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED!

YOU-YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS ABOUT THIS- HOW DARE YOU COME DRUNK TO THIS DRILL??

PE-E-T-T

STOP ALL THIS FARTING!

IT CAN'T BE HELPED- ALL I EAT IS POTATOES.

HIC!

YOU FART BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT SPIRIT! HOW CAN YOU DEFEAT AMERICAN SOLDIERS WITH THAT ATTITUDE??

鬼畜米

SORRY- I'M REALLY GASSY TODAY..

GRR... DAMN HIM!

ALRIGHT... NOW, MISTER ONISHI,— WHO KILLED 38 RUSSIAN SOLDIERS IN THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR— WILL SHOW US HOW TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY WITH A SPEAR...

AS THE CHAIRMAN OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT I REALLY KILLED 40 SOLDIERS!

SORRY, SIR.

AHEM... READY? —WHEN YOU CHARGE, CONCENTRATE YOUR STRENGTH IN YOUR **GUT**, AND PIERCE THE HEART OF THE ENEMY WITH ONE THRUST

THEN, WITHDRAW THE SPEAR **QUICKLY** —OTHERWISE, THE FLESH **STIFFENS**, AND THE SPEAR CAN'T BE REMOVED.

P-TUI!

NOW I WILL GIVE YOU AN **EXAMPLE!**

YA-A-A!

YAAA!

CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!

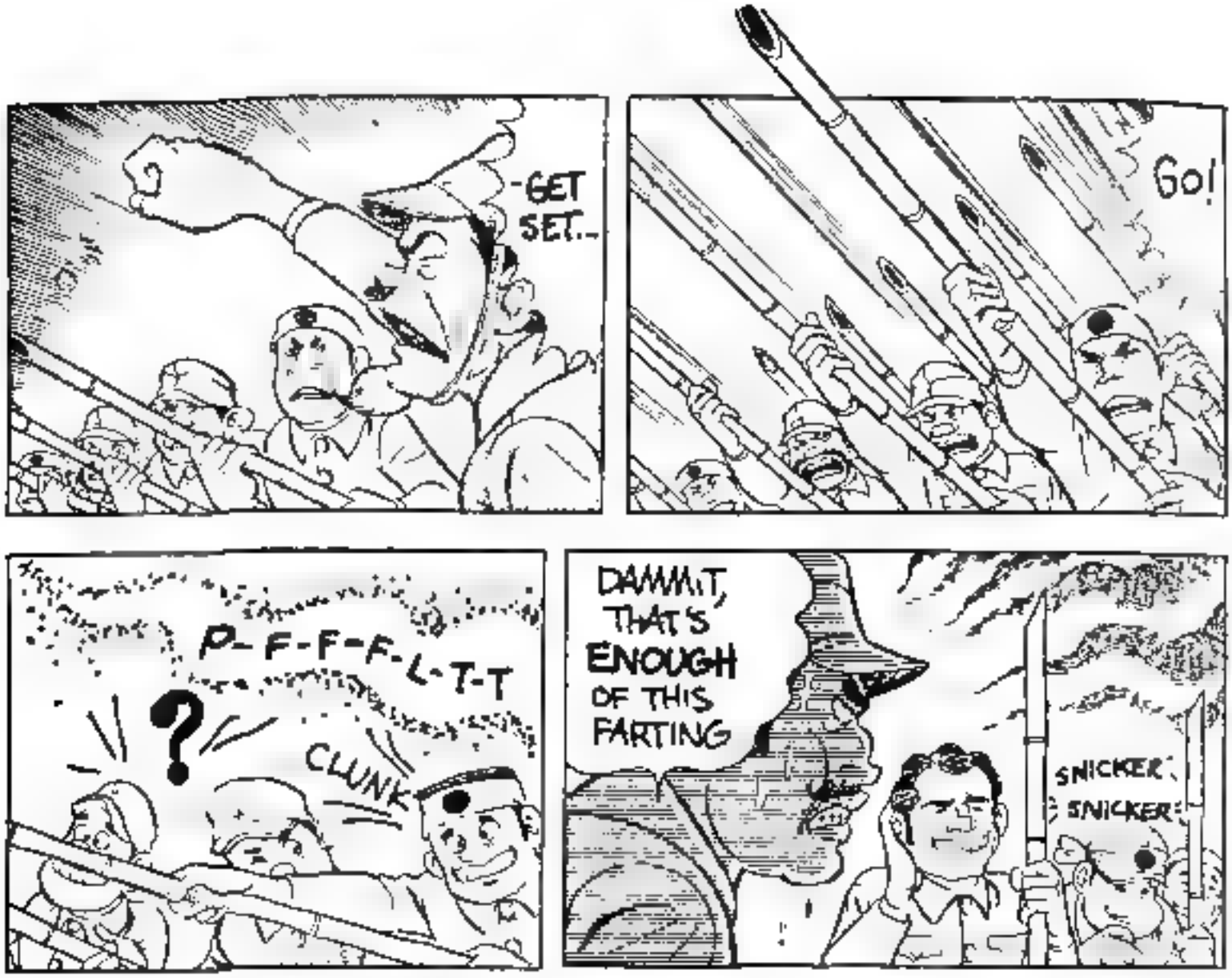
CLAP! CLAP!

HE'S GREAT! ANYBODY WHO KILLED **40** SOLDIERS MUST KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING

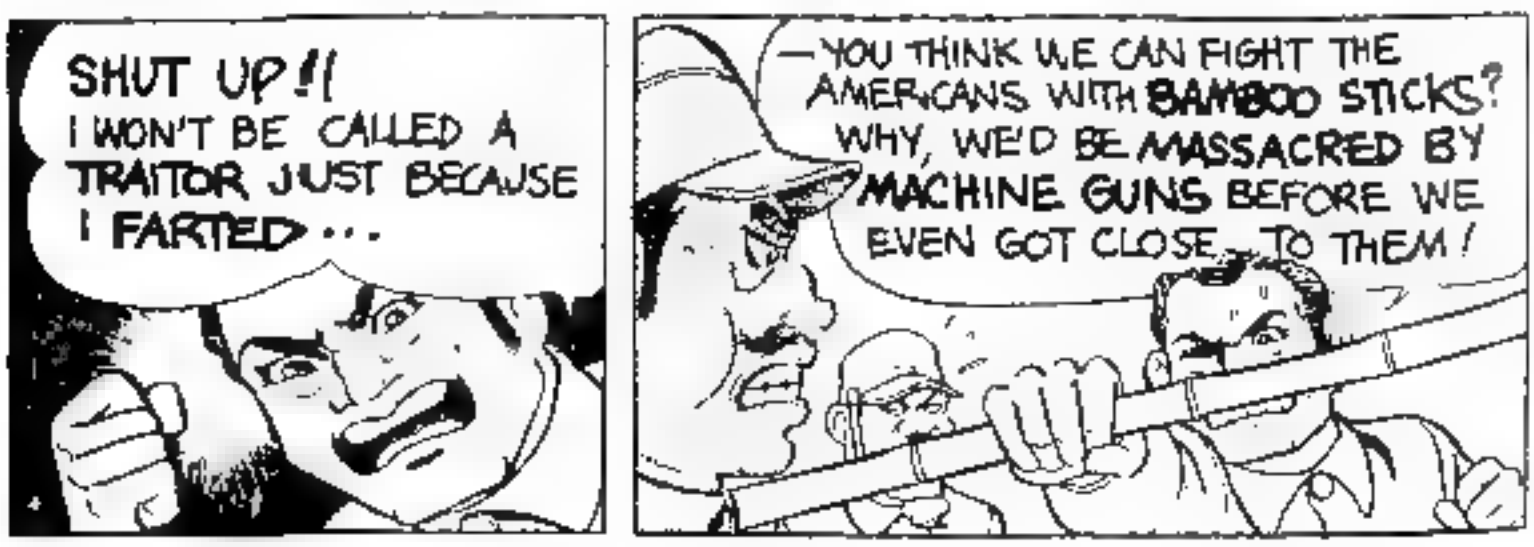
HE'S A **VETERAN**, FOR SURE!

ALRIGHT, MEN; **CHARGE!!** **SPEAR** THE BRITISH FIENDS! **SPEAR** THE AMERICAN DEVILS!

SASHES! "WOMEN'S NEIGHBORHOOD DEFENSE LEAGUE"


-GET SET..
Go!
P-F-F-F-L-T-T
?
CLUNK
DAMMIT, THAT'S ENOUGH OF THIS FARTING
SNICKER SNICKER

NAKAOKA, CONTROL YOURSELF! WE ARE ALL STRIVING FOR THE VICTORY OF JAPAN... YOUR CONDUCT IS A DISERACE TO THE EMPIRE!!
CAN'T HELP IT— WHEN I THRUST, I FART.
CHAIRMAN, SUCH A MAN SHOULD BE THROWN OUT!! HE'S A TRAITOR!
RIGHT!!


SHUT UP!! I WON'T BE CALLED A TRAITOR JUST BECAUSE I FARTED...
—YOU THINK WE CAN FIGHT THE AMERICANS WITH BAMBOO STICKS? WHY, WE'D BE MASSACRED BY MACHINE GUNS BEFORE WE EVEN GOT CLOSE TO THEM!

THERE'S TOO BIG A DIFFERENCE IN RESOURCES BETWEEN JAPAN AND AMERICA...JAPAN SHOULD KEEP PEACE AND LIVE BY TRADE— JAPAN SHOULDN'T BE IN THE WAR!

WH- WHAT !?

THE MILITARY WAS MISLED BY THE RICH - THEY STARTED WAR TO GAIN WEALTH BY FORCE-

"... AND DREW US ALL IN. YOU PEOPLE ARE SICK WITH WAR FEVER— YOU'RE BEING FOOLED.

THIS WAR IS WRONG!

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS—TRAITOR!!

GO TO HELL! I'M TIRED OF WAR!

CRACK!!! I'M THROUGH WITH ALL THIS

Y.. YOU TRAITOR !!!

SOMEDAY YOU'LL ALL SEE THE STUPIDITY OF WAR... WHY DON'T YOU LOOK AT THINGS REALISTICALLY?

TRAITOR!!

-TRAITOR!

TRAITOR!

TAKE CARE, AKIRA!

BYE, BROTHER! BYE, BROTHER!

:SNIFF:

WAR... IT'S SO SAD. PARENTS AND CHILDREN LIVE ALL SCATTERED... I'D BE HAPPY IF WE COULD JUST ALL LIVE TOGETHER...

:SNIFF:

ALL RIGHT, AKIRA? YOU LISTEN TO WHAT THE TEACHER TELLS YOU WHEN YOU REACH THE COUNTRYSIDE.

三年第五班

GROUP FIVE, FORWARD MARCH!

SIGN GRADE THREE, GROUP FIVE

THERE THEY GO.

♪ TARO'S OFF TO HIS DADDY'S HOME TOWN ♪
♪ HANAKO'S OFF TO HER MOTHER'S ♪
ALONE IN THE COUNTRY. I STILL HEAR MY FAMILY'S VOICES ♪

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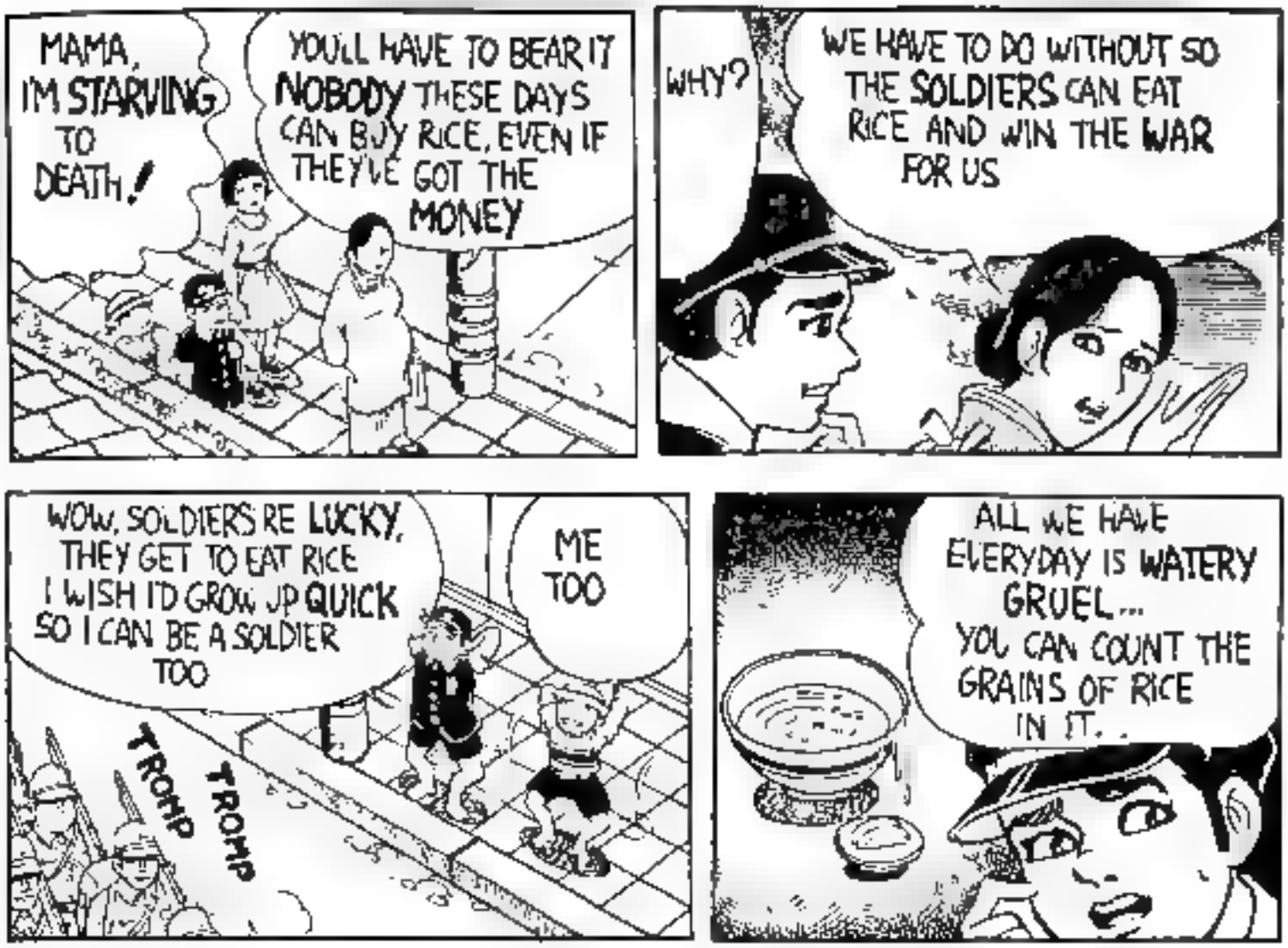

MAMA, I'M STARVING TO DEATH!
YOU'LL HAVE TO BEAR IT NOBODY THESE DAYS CAN BUY RICE, EVEN IF THEY'VE GOT THE MONEY
WHY?
WE HAVE TO DO WITHOUT SO THE SOLDIERS CAN EAT RICE AND WIN THE WAR FOR US
WOW, SOLDIERS RE LUCKY, THEY GET TO EAT RICE I WISH I'D GROW UP QUICK SO I CAN BE A SOLDIER TOO
ME TOO
TROMP TROMP
ALL WE HAVE EVERYDAY IS WATERY GRUEL... YOU CAN COUNT THE GRAINS OF RICE IN IT..
I'M HUNGRY, I'M STARVING!
MAAMAA, GIVE US SOMETHING TO EAT!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
ALL RIGHT, TAKE THIS AND DIVIDE IT UP.
WOW! A SWEET POTATO! YOU'VE BEEN HIDING IT!

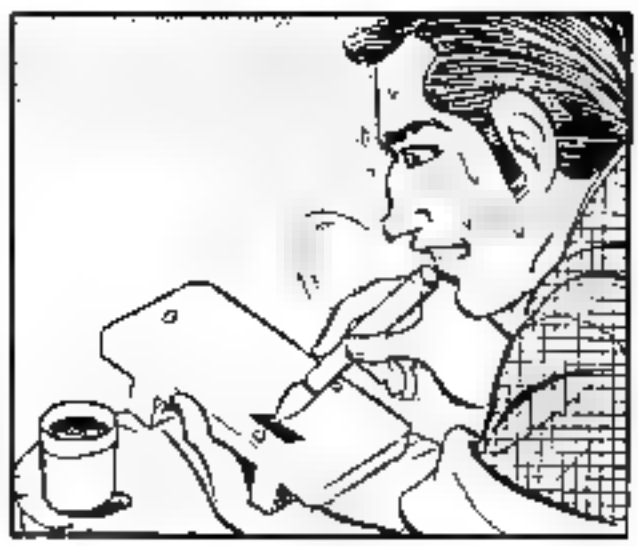
5 DAYS
NOOO!
YOU CAN'T EAT THAT! THAT'S FOR THE BABY IN MAMA'S TUMMY!
WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR SIS?
IT'S ALL RIGHT, EIKO, JUST THIS ONCE.
NOOOOO!
YOU WANT THE BABY TO DIE? YOU GIVE IT BACK TO MAMA RIGHT NOW!
. . . . .
. . . .
IT'S NOT ALL RIGHT! FOR YOU, MAYBE, BUT THE BABY NEEDS IT IT HAS TO GET NUTRITION
CHOMP
SHINJI! YOU GOING TO EAT IT ALL BY YOURSELF?!
NOOOO!
YOU BRAT, GIVE IT BACK!
GULP GULP
CHOKE!
CLUNK
OH NO! HE'S CHOKING!

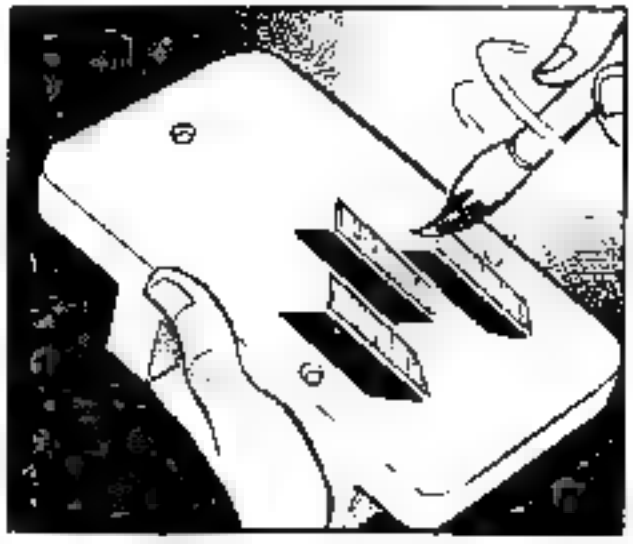
SHINJI! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
THUMP
THUMP
THUNK
YIPEE! I GOT IT!
CHOMP CHOMP
WAAAH! WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR, SIS! GEN GOT MY POTATO!
I'M SORRY TO MAKE YOU GO THROUGH ALL THIS.. HOWEVER HARD WE WORK, BECAUSE OF THE WAR WE JUST CAN'T GET HOLD OF ANY FOOD
CREAK
DEAR... I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE BACK...
YOU LITTLE FOOL!
YOU IDIOT!

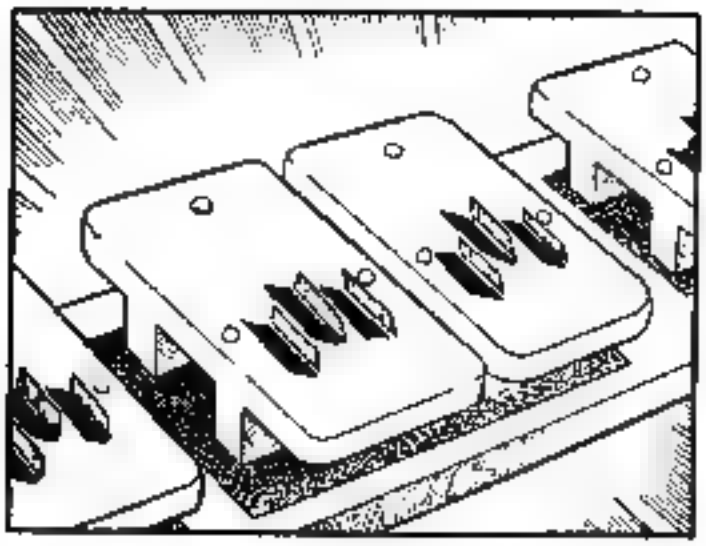
WAAAAAAAH
YOU CALL YOURSELVES MEN, FIGHTING OVER ONE LOUSY POTATO?

THAT HURT. HUH...
OOOO DAMN YOU, PA

FOR US POOR PEOPLE, THERE ISN'T ONE GOOD THING TO BE GOTTEN OUT OF WAR.
DAMN, IF ONLY PEACE WOULD COME... IF ONLY THERE WASN'T THIS WAR, WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO SUFFER LIKE THIS.







IF ONLY THAT WHEAT IN THE FIELD WE BORROWED WOULD RIPEN QUICKLY . THEN THE KIDS WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL THIS.

TICK TOCK
TICK TOCK
万金丹
OH, I'M SO STIFF..
ZZZZZZ
HEY, GEN, RICE TO EAT...MM, GOOD. I'VE ALREADY HAD TEN BOWLS...
....
DEAR, SHINJI'S DREAMING ABOUT EATING RICE
I WISH WE COULD LET HIM HAVE HIS FILL JUST ONCE...
....
GEN, SHINJI, I'M SORRY I HIT YOU.
YOU'RE GROWING BOYS. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT...

PAPA

KIMIE. TAKE THOSE FINISHED CLOGS TO THE WHOLESALER'S TOMORROW AND BUY SOME RICE ON THE BLACK MARKET THEN MAKE RICE CAKES FOR THE KIDS

IT'LL WORK OUT SOMEHOW.

ARE YOU SURE? THERE WON'T BE MONEY TO BUY MATERIALS FOR YOUR WORK.

WOW! RICE CAKES TOMORROW! LOVE YOU, PAPA!

WISH IT WAS TOMORROW ALREADY!

WHEEE

WHEEE

WHEEE

AIR RAID!

DEAR, IT'S AN AIR RAID! WE HAVE TO WAKE UP THE CHILDREN!

FORGET IT IF WE GET BOMBED, WE GET KILLED EVEN IF WE HIDE IN THE SHELTER I'M TIRED OF RUNNING AROUND

HURRY!

NAKAOKA! YOUR LIGHTS SHOWING. WHAT IF THE ENEMY PLANES SPOT YOU? TURN YOUR LIGHTS OFF!!

CLICK

ALL RIGHT
ALL RIGHT

WHEEEEEE

IT'S FIVE-THIRTY IN THE MORNING
DADDY WALKS OUT THE DOOR
WITH HIS LUNCH BOX FULL OF
CHEAP NOODLES LIKE SLIMY OLD WORMS
IT'S A HARD LIFE FOR POOR FOLKS
DAY IN, DAY OUT, THE FLEAS
KEEP BITING.

GEN, ARE WE REALLY GOING TO HAVE RICE CAKES?

HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU HAVE TO ASK? AFTER WE DELIVER THIS LOAD, WE GET MONEY, THEN MAMA'S GOING TO MAKE SOME FOR US!

WHEN IT COMES TO FOOD, YOU HAVE A LOT OF ENERGY, HUH GEN!

HURRY UP, EIKO! CAKES, CAKES!

RATTLE RATTLE

SWISH

SWISH

OW!

OW!

OW!

WHO IS IT!

HEY, YOU TRAITORS. YOU AIN'T GETTING PAST HERE!

IT'S RYUKICHI, THE CHAIRMAN'S SON

GRIN

WH. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

SHUT UP! YOUR PA'S A BAD GUY. HE'S AGAINST THE WAR HE'S A DISGRACE TO THE TOWN. A COWARD!

YEAH!

YEAH!

WE'RE GOING TO STRAIGHTEN YOU TRAITORS OUT! C'MON, GET 'EM!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING! STOP!

RATTLE RATTLE

H-HEY!

KR-SPLASH

OH NO. THE CLOGS

DAMN!

OHH THE CLOGS WE WON'T GET OUR RICE CAKES

OOF!

SLAP

WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR, YOU BIG BULLY!

RYUK.CHI, YOU GOING TO LET A GIRL HIT YOU LIKE THAT?

HOW DARE YOU HIT ME, YOU TRAITOR!

THE CLOGS THAT MAMA AND PAPA MADE STAYING UP NIGHTS.

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!

HEH HEH.. WE WON'T GET AWAY? TRAITORS CAN'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT C'MON LET'S STRIP HER!

EEEEK!

YOU

GRIP

SIS!

BEAT THESE TRAITORS UP!

CHOMP

YOU BULLY! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, CALLING OUR PAPA NAMES?

YIPES!

YOU RAT!

OWW LET GO!

KZOOT

KZOOT

GRRR

GET HIM, GEN, GET HIM!

LET GO, YOU STUBBORN LITTLE RAT!

H-HELP! MY FINGERS ARE GOING TO COME OFF!

KLUNK

TAKE THIS!

GRRR

AAAKH..
MY FINGERS
HELP
OWW.

GRRR

SNAP

AAAAGH

OH NO!
HE'S BITTEN
OFF RYUKICHI'S
FINGER!

THE
B-BONE'S
STICKING
OUT.

GRIN

BRRR~

OWWWW!
OWWW!

HELP!

RUN

GYAAAAAA

SOB

PUFF
PUFF

STUPID
PAPA,
STUPID
PAPA!

D-DAMN...IT'S BECAUSE
PAPA'S AGAINST THE WAR...
THEY MAKE FUN OF US
AND CALL US TRAITORS.
PAPA'S STUPID.
IT'S HIS FAULT.

WAAAAH! WE WON'T GET OUR CAKES!

WAAAAH! STUPID PAPA!

GEN. SHINJI, DON'T BLAME PAPA. HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHAT MAMA'S ALWAYS SAYING?

SNIFF-SNIFF

PAPA'S SAYING WHAT'S RIGHT-HE'S NO TRAITOR! IT TAKES A LOT OF COURAGE TO BELIEVE IN PEACE AND BE AGAINST THE WAR. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF HIM.

SNIFF

COME ON, LET'S PICK UP WHAT WE CAN.

LET'S NOT TELL MAMA AND PAPA WHAT HAPPENED. THEY'LL BE UPSET. PROMISE?

O. OKAY.

WHAT'RE YOU EATING, GEN, GIVE ME SOME TOO!

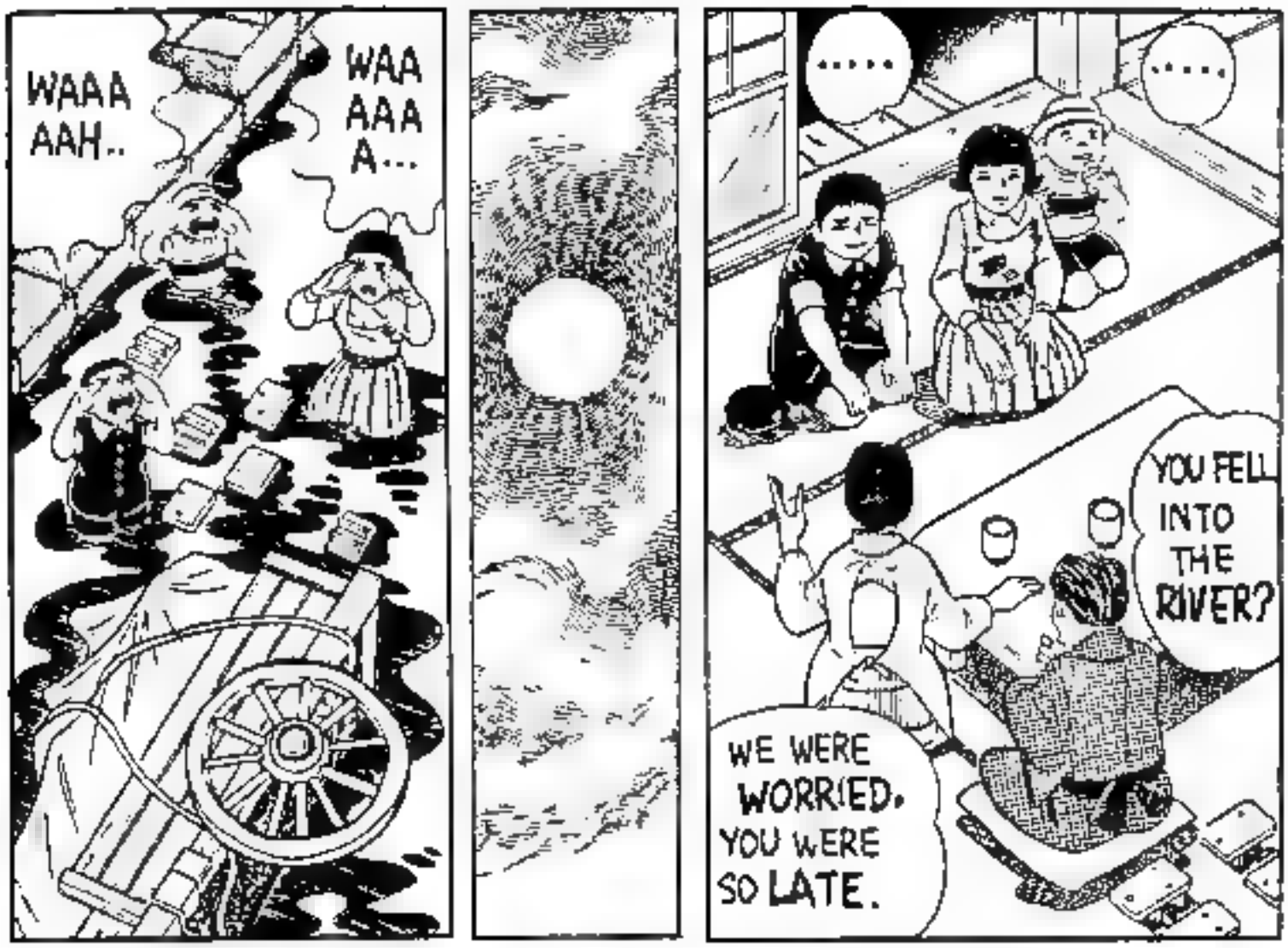
CHOMP CHOMP

YEAH! IT'S A PIECE OF RYUK CHI'S FINGER.

DAMMIT!

DON'T CRY EIKO, DON'T.

SOB ...MAMA AND PAPA WORKED SO HARD ON THESE CLOGS...


WAAA AAH..
WAA AAA A...
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YOU FELL INTO THE RIVER?
WE WERE WORRIED. YOU WERE SO LATE.

WE COULDN'T GET THE MONEY. WE'RE SORRY.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, AS LONG AS YOU ALL ARE SAFE..
GEN, WHERE'D YOU GET ALL THOSE BUMPS ON YOUR HEAD? IF YOU REALLY JUST FELL IN THE RIVER...
.....
WHAT HAPPENED!
LOOK ME IN THE EYES! WHAT HAPPENED?!
SOB..

WAAAAA...
PAPA, GO TO WAR AND KILL LOTS OF ENEMIES AND GET MEDALS.. PLEASE!

B BUT WHY?

I DON'T WANT A FATHER WHO'S AGAINST WAR, WHO'S CALLED A COWARD!

ALL BECAUSE OF ME ?

YEAH WE WERE BEATEN UP BY RYUKICHI... THE CHAIRMAN'S SON. THEY CALLED US TRAITORS... WAAAAAH!

D..DAMN THAT CHAIRMAN. BECAUSE I MADE FUN OF SPEAR DRILL. HE USES HIS SON... WHAT A DIRTY TRICK!

AHEM! IS DAIKICHI NAKAOKA HERE!

A POLICE-MAN?

GLARE

ARE YOU ASKING FOR ME?

YOU'RE TO BE QUESTIONED REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

ALL RIGHT

PUT YOUR HANDS IN FRONT OF YOU!

SNAP

HE WON'T BE RETURNING FOR QUITE A WHILE. BRING HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS TO HEADQUARTERS LATER.

P.. PAPA..

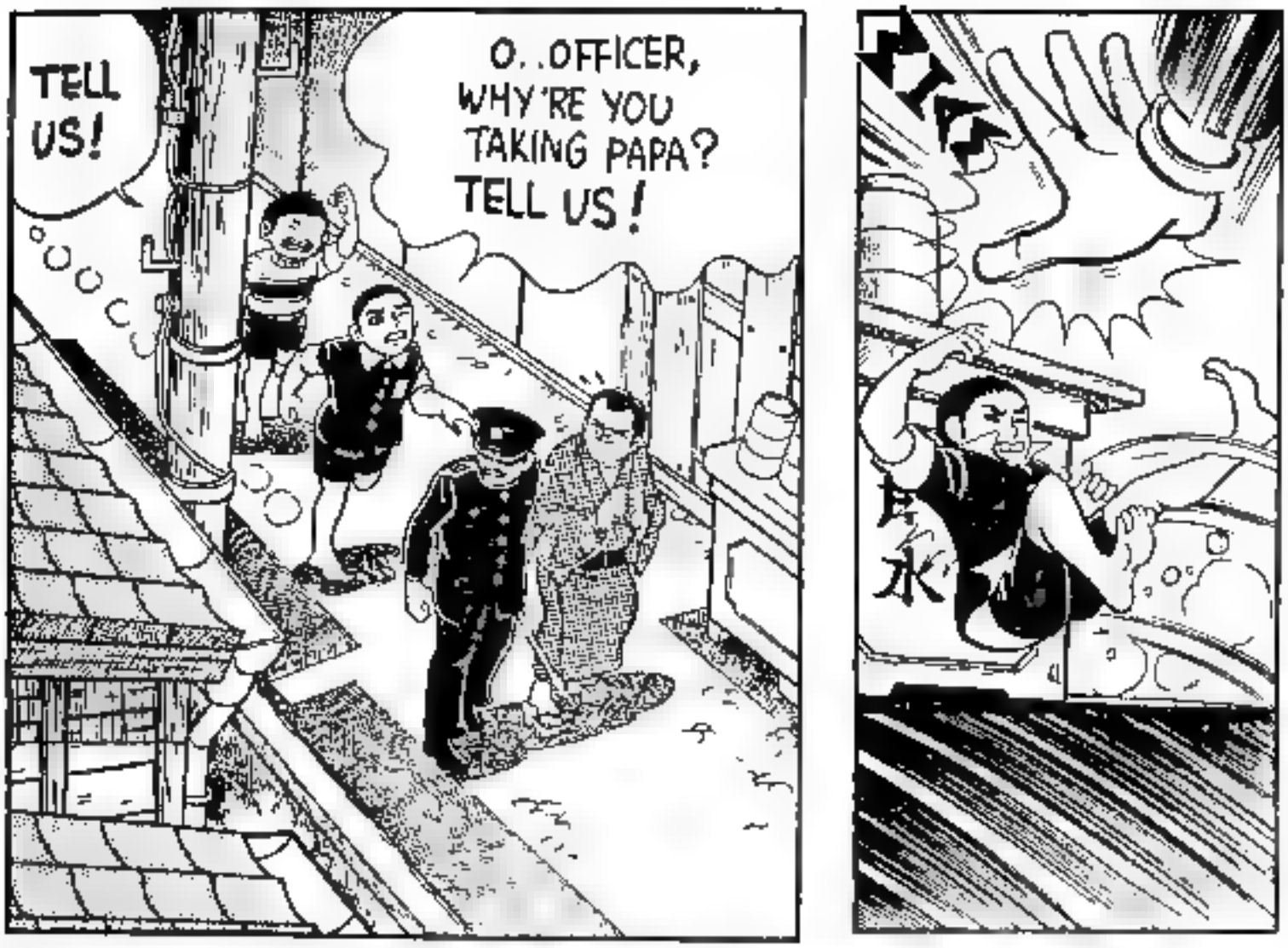
D...DEAR!

HURRY UP!

I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG... IT'S A MISTAKE.

PAPA!

HEY! WHY'RE YOU TAKING PAPA TO THE POLICE STATION!


TELL US!
O..OFFICER, WHY'RE YOU TAKING PAPA? TELL US!
ZIAS
GEN ...
YOU BRATS BE QUIET!
WAAAH! THEY'VE TAKEN PAPA AWAY..
PAPAA!
DEAR

HMPH.

THOSE BRATS WHO BIT YOUR FINGER OFF THIS'LL TEACH 'EM, RYUKICHI.

I ASKED THE POLICEMAN TO GIVE HIMA ROUGH TIME OF IT.

ALL THAT NAKAOKA FAMILY'S A NUISANCE.

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SIGN LUXURY IS THE ENEMY

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WE HEAR YOU HAVE RECENTLY BEEN SPEAKING OUT AGAINST THE WAR.

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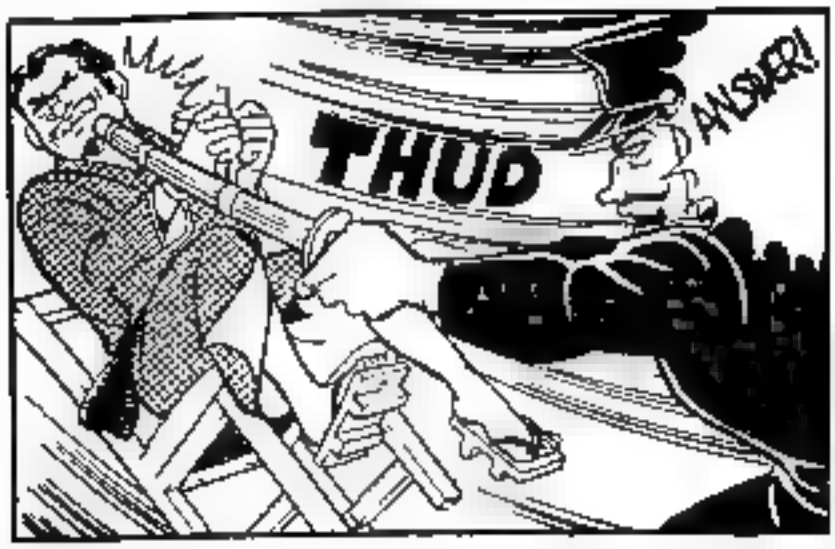
DO YOU ADMIT THIS, DAIKICHI NAKAOKA?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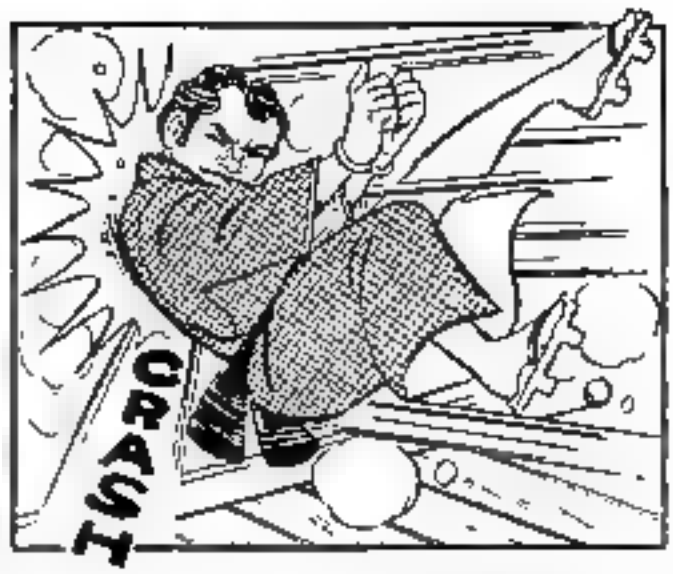
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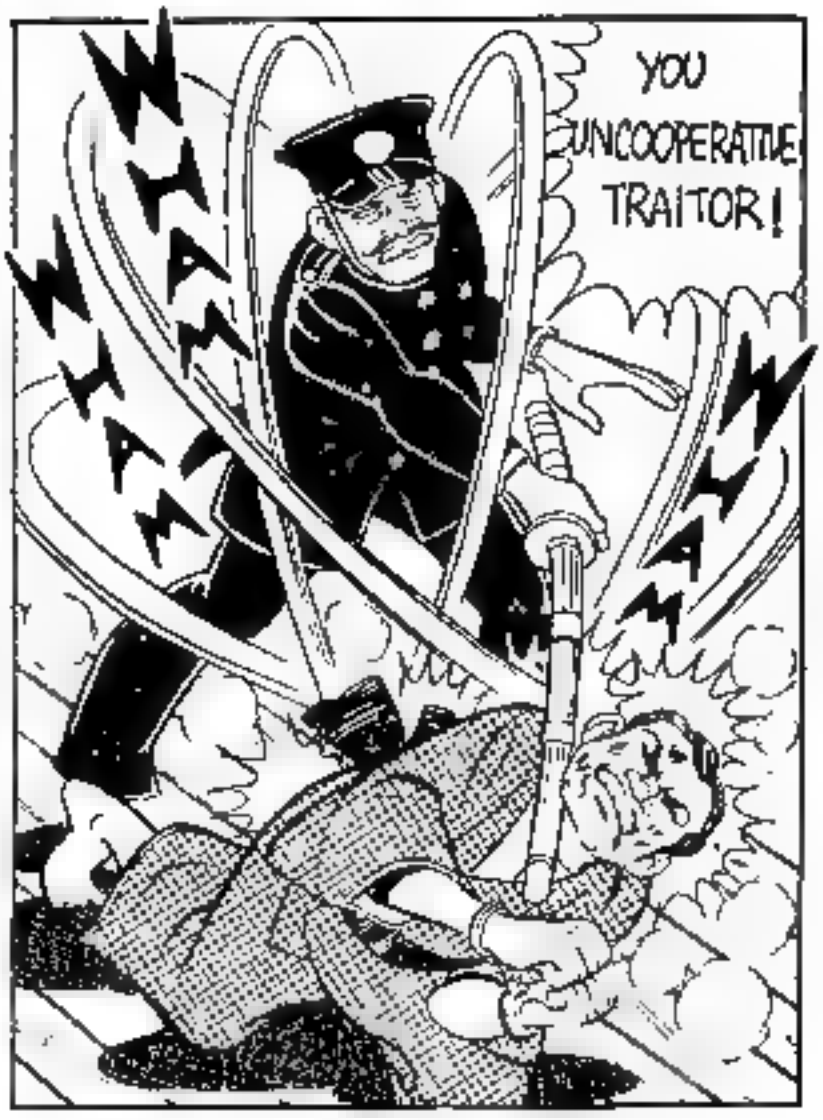
WHEN THE SPIRITS OF 100 MILLION JAPANESE CITIZENS ARE BURNING IN THEIR EFFORTS TOWARD VICTORY... WHAT IS THIS PROTESTING BUSINESS ABOUT?

AREN'T YOU ASHAMED OF YOURSELF AS A JAPANESE!?
NO. I'M NOT ASHAMED

IT'S FOR JAPAN'S SAKE THAT I AM AGAINST THE WAR.
Y... YOU

OOF!
YOU SHAMELESS TRAITOR!


WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
YOU UNCOOPERATIVE TRAITOR!

I'VE ALREADY COOPERATED ENOUGH WITH THE WAR EFFORT.
MY ELDEST SON, KOJI. HE'S GIVEN UP HIS STUDIES TO WORK IN A MUNITIONS FACTORY.

WE'VE GIVEN UP ALL OUR METAL POTS AND PANS TO BE TAKEN AWAY TO MAKE TANKERS AND TANKS AND GUNS

OUR CHILDREN GO HUNGRY EVERYDAY THEY FIGHT OVER ONE POTATO, ONE GRAIN OF RICE... BECAUSE THE MILITARY TAKES ALL THE FOOD.

YET WE PUT UP WITH ALL OF IT AND YOU STILL SAY WE'RE NOT COOPERATING WITH THE WAR EFFORT! YOU CALL US TRAITORS!

HOW CAN WE POOR PEOPLE COOPERATE ANY MORE?
SHUT UP! THAT'S ALL A MATTER OF COURSE FOR A JAPANESE!

THE LIVES OF SIX PEOPLE, MY FAMILY, DEPEND ON ME.
EVEN THE TIME TAKEN FOR SPEAR DRILL IS PRECIOUS TO ME
I HAVE TO WORK, TO KEEP MY CHILDREN FROM STARVING TO DEATH.

HAS THE NATION EVER HELPED THE SUFFERING POOR?

IT'S NOT JUST YOU! EVERYONE IS BEARING IT! WHEN WE WIN THE WAR JAPAN WILL BE A BETTER NATION!

THAT'S NOT TRUE YOU CAN'T DECEIVE ME

WAR JUST MAKES US UNHAPPY. JAPAN HAS TO WALK THE WAY OF PEACE, NOT WAR. I BELIEVE THIS.

YOU TRAITOROUS SUBVERSIVE! YOUR THOUGHTS ARE DANGEROUS. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE LET BY WITH THIS! I'LL STRAIGHTEN OUT YOUR SPIRIT FOR YOU!

AS A JAPANESE... HOW CAN YOU SHOW YOUR FACE TO THE EMPEROR?! YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF!!

BANG
WHAM
CRASH
SLAM

WHAM

YOU FOOL!

YOU ONLY HAVE TEN MINUTES.

Y YES.

CAN'T PAPA COME HOME YET, MAMA?

NOT YET

CRREAK

!?

WH... WHAT?

!?

PAPA!

D.. DEAR!

WH.. WHAT HAPPENED?
HEH HEH... THE POLICE GAVE ME A PRETTY ROUGH T.ME. BROKE MY TEETH.
BUT DON'T WORRY THEY CAN HURT MY BODY, BUT NOT MY MIND.
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS MILITARISTIC NATION WHEN YOU'RE AGAINST WAR
GEN! SHINJI! DON'T GIVE UP SOMETHING EASILY WHEN YOU KNOW IT'S RIGHT!
PAPA..
..D. DEAR..
THERE'LL COME A TIME .. YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHAT I SAID IS RIGHT
DON'T CRY, KIMIE. WE MAY BE POOR, BUT WE CAN'T LET THEM TAKE AWAY OUR PRIDE.
MAYBE I'M JUST STUPID AND STUBBORN.
BUT I'M PROUD OF MY WAY OF LIFE.
BEAR IT JUST A LITTLE LONGER, KIMIE. THERE'LL BE PEACEFUL, BETTER DAYS COMING.
A STATE LIKE THIS CAN'T LAST MUCH LONGER.
YOUR TIME'S UP!

KIMIE, TAKE GOOD CARE OF THE CHILDREN.

DEAR..

GEN, DOESN'T LOOK LIKE I'LL BE HOME FOR A WHILE. TAKE CARE OF THE WHEAT FIELD.

PAPA!

SUCH A FOOL. PAPA IS. REALLY A FOOL. EVEN AFTER HE GETS BEATEN UP SO BAD.

OFFICER! GIVE PAPA BACK! WHY'RE YOU BEATING HIM UP!

SHUT UP AND GET LOST!

... GEN, WHEN'S PAPA COMING HOME? I MISS HIM.

STOP BEING A CRYBABY, SHINJI. PAPA TOLD US TO TAKE CARE OF THE FIELD!

WHEW! JUST A LITTLE LONGER. CAN'T WAIT TO BAKE BREAD WITH THIS WHEAT!

HEY YEAH! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE NOODLES TOO, RIGHT?

DAMN!

HEEEEY, DUMMIES!

HEEEY, TRAITORS!

RUN, RUN. YOU'LL GO CRAZY IF THEY TOUCH YOU!

WHEE! THE COWARDS ARE ANGRY!

JUST YOU WAIT!

FOOLS! OUR PAPA AIN'T A COWARD. HE'S A GREAT PAPA, REMEMBER THAT!

DAMN

NEXT TIME I GET A HOLD OF THEM, I'LL GIVE IT TO 'EM GOOD.

.. THOSE BULLIES ..

HMMM . ONE MORE TIME AROUND. MR. DOBASH!.

HAHAHA, TOO BAD, MR. CHAIRMAN.

BY THE WAY THAT NAKAOKA'S BEING GIVEN A ROUGH TIME BY THE POLICE NOW, ISN'T HE? SERVES HIM RIGHT!

TRAITORS LIK HIM HAVE TO BE GIVEN THE WORKS.

THE NERVE BITING MY SON'S FINGER OFF. TURNED HIM IN TO THE POLICE TO TEACH THAT FAMILY A LESSON!

EXACTLY, SIR.

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT THE POLICE SHOULD CHECK UP ON PEOPLE LIKE NAKAOKA. THEY'RE A DISGRACE TO THE GREAT JAPANESE EMPIRE.

THOSE WHO DON'T COOPERATE WITH THE WAR EFFORT OUGHT TO BE KILLED OFF.

..!

....!

THAT BULLY!

DID YOU HEAR THAT, SHINJ?

SO HE WAS THE ONE THAT TOLD ON PAPA!

WE LEFT OUR HOME LAND... SWEARING TO RETURN VICTORIOUS

HMM. GOT QUITE CARRIED AWAY BY THAT CHESS GAME.

?!

WH..WHAT'S THIS? AREN'T YOU NAKAOKA'S BOYS?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
GLARE
GULP
WH..WHAT'S GOING ON?
MEAN!!
YOU PLAY REAL DIRTY!
YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE TA-KING ABOUT!
CHOMP!
WH...WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!
CHOMP
AAOW! STOP IT!

BONK BONK

YOU BRAT! LET GO!

TAKE THAT!

D DAMN

GRRR GRR

AAAGH MY F NGER'S GOING TO COME OFF...

SLAM

Y YOU..

KRASH

LET GO, DAMN YOU!

YOU STUBBORN BRAT!

BONK BONK

CHOMP

AAAAAH.. HELP ME!

GRRR
AAA...OW, MY FINGERS... HELP, HELP!
SOMEONE, HELP!
GRRR
GRRR
GRR
WHAT
WHAT'S GOING ON?
?

MR. CHAIRMAN!
YAAAAH .HELP! HELP! OW!
HEY, YOU
SHINJI, LET'S GO!
TROMP TROMP
THAT LOOKS BAD, MR CHAIRMAN. THE BONES ARE SHOWING.
OHH... MY HAND...
OHH... THOSE NAKAOKA BRATS... THEY, THEY'RE DANGEROUS!

PANT
PANT
GR-Z
GR-Z
WE DID IT, GEN!
GOOD JOB, SHINJI!!
YIPEEE!
WHEEEE! WE GOT HIM BACK FOR PAPA!
FIVE-THIRTY IN THE MORNING DADDY WALKS OUT THE DOOR WITH HIS LUNCHBOX FULL OF CHEAP NOODLES
DON-DON-DON-DON CHAN-CHACKA-CHAN-CHACKA-CHA..
.....
THEY BIT OFF MY SON'S AND MY FINGERS! THEYRE TO BE PUNISHED! TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE!
COME ON, HAND THEM OVER!
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THE CHILDREN'VE TOLD ME EVERYTH.NG.

I WOULDN'T MIND BITING OFF YOUR FINGERS MYSELF!

MR CHAIRMAN, YOU'RE A WICKED MAN.

WH... WHAT?

YOU KEEP QUIET. HUH. WHAT NERVE! AFTER THEY'VE INJURED PEOPLE... HURRY UP AND TURN THEM OVER TO ME!

YOU KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF THESE CHILDREN!

SHUT UP! STOP JABBERING AND HAND THOSE TWO KIDS OVER!

GO HOME, PLEASE. JUST BECAUSE MY HUSBAND ISN'T HERE, YOU THINK YOU CAN DO AS YOU PLEASE?

OW!

SLAP

SHUT YOUR MOUTH!

MAMA!

MAMA!

YOU HAVE NO R.GHT TO HIT ME!

THESE CHILDREN ARE MY TREASURE. I WOULDN'T GIVE THEM UP TO ANYONE!

DON'T THINK I'M WEAK BECAUSE I'M A WOMAN! IF YOU DON'T GO HOME, I'LL KILL YOU!

WH..WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING.

L..LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

YOU THINK YOU'RE INJURED? NOTHING COMPARED TO MY HUSBAND WHO WAS BEATEN BY THE POLICE!

SWISH

SLASH

AAAH!

WAIT, YOU

H..HELP!

AAAKH!

HELP, HELP! MURDERER!

PANT PANT

OOOOF.

MY HUSBAND TOLD ME TO TAKE CARE OF THE CHILDREN. I WON'T TAKE THAT FROM SOMEONE LIKE YOU EVEN IF YOU ARE TOWN CHAIRMAN

H HOLD ON, MRS NAKAOKA N. NO VIOLENCE

DIE!

GRAB

MRS NAKAOKA -WAIT!

M-MR PAK- NO; LET GO!

I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS I LIVE IN THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR, I HEARD EVERYTHING

LISTEN, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE CHILDREN IF YOU BECOME A MURDERER AND ARE TAKEN AWAY BY THE POLICE?

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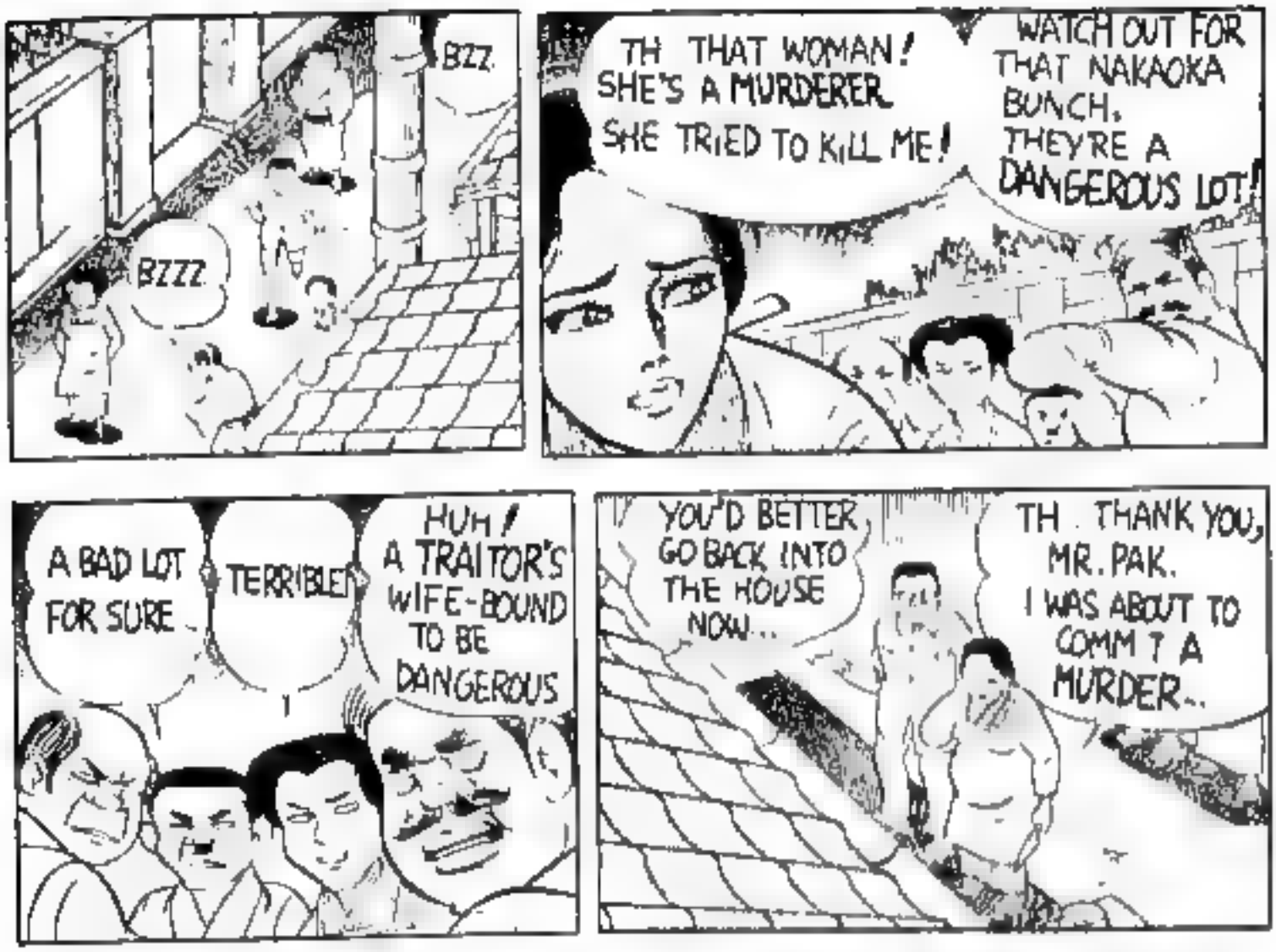
WH ..WHAT AM I DOING WITH THIS

I I JUST WANTED TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN ..

THUNK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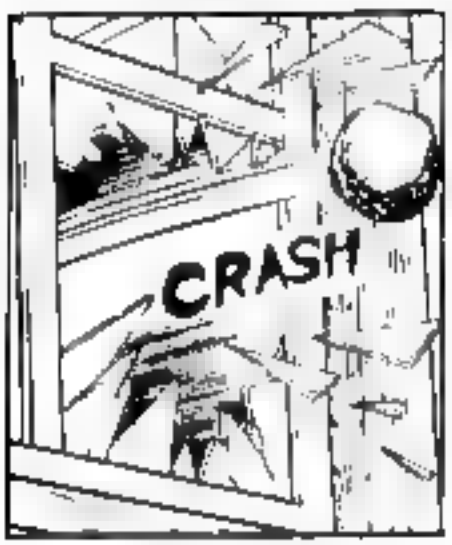
BZZZ
TH THAT WOMAN! SHE'S A MURDERER. SHE TRIED TO KILL ME!
WATCH OUT FOR THAT NAKAOKA BUNCH. THEY'RE A DANGEROUS LOT!
A BAD LOT FOR SURE.
TERRIBLE!
HUH! A TRAITOR'S WIFE-BOUND TO BE DANGEROUS
YOU'D BETTER GO BACK INTO THE HOUSE NOW...
TH. THANK YOU, MR. PAK. I WAS ABOUT TO COMM T A MURDER..
...
YOU WERE TERRIFIC. MAMA!
WOW, MAMA!
GEN, YOU FOOL!
AND YOU SHINJI!
WHATEVER HAPPENS, NEVER, NEVER HARM ANYBODY! UNDERSTAND?!
WH... WHY'RE YOU HITTING US!
M. MAMA
BUT... YOU ALL DID A GOOD JOB

HUG

S..SOB..
LIKE FATHER,
LIKE SON.
WE'RE ALL FOOLS,
AREN'T WE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WHO IS IT!

DAMN!
TRAITOR, TRAITOR! NAKAOKA'S A TRAITOR!

WHATEVER THEY SAY, I WON'T CRY, I WON'T CRY... PAPA'S RIGHT.

YOU ALL HAVE TO GROW UP LIKE PAPA'S ALWAYS SAYING, LIKE WHEAT. GET STEPPED ON, AGAIN AND AGAIN, BUT GROW UP STRONG

GET STEPPED ON, BEAR THE WIND AND SNOW, AND GROW TALL AND STRONG, LIKE WHEAT..

D... DAMN THOSE NAKAOKAS! TRAITORS! JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE!

ZOOOM! ZOOOM!

BZZZ.

BZZZ.

GLARE

BAZO

GOOD MORNING!

SHE'S THE TRAITOR THAT TRIED TO KILL THE CHAIRMAN!

YES, HER.

SHE HAS THE NERVE TO SHOW HER FACE...

....

SHE'S DANGEROUS.

IT WOULDN'T DO TO BE SEEN WITH A PERSON LIKE THAT...

AGAINST THE WAR! ISN'T SHE ASHAMED OF HERSELF AS A JAPANESE?

DEFINITELY.

SIGN SUMIDA'S

OH. HELLO, MRS NAKAOKA. NICE WEATHER TODAY!

角田屋

GOOD MORNING

I'M SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU ALL THE TIME, MRS. SUMIDA... COULD I BORROW A BIT OF RICE AND A LITTLE BEAN PASTE?

YES, OF COURSE!

IN HARD TIMES LIKE THESE. FRIENDS SHOULD HELP EACH OTHER OUT!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

YONE, COME HERE A MINUTE

Y... YES?

角田屋

WHAT IS IT?

DON'T GIVE ANYTHING TO THOSE NAKAOKAS

THEY'RE TRAITORS. THE TOWN CHAIRMAN'S SAID NOT TO DEAL WITH THEM.

WHY?

FOOL! IF WE DEAL WITH THEM, THE WHOLE TOWN'LL BE AGAINST US.

B... BUT.

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NO TELLING THE TROUBLE TRAITORS'LL CAUSE US-MAKE UP SOME EXCUSE!

B...BUT YOU SAID.

.'M SORRY MRS. NAKAOKA... W WE'VE JUST RUN OUT OF RICE AND BEAN PASTE.

M. MRS SUMIDA ..

I'M SORRY. MRS NAKAOKA

EVEN HER AND WE WERE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? IF THE SUMIDAS TURN US DOWN, WE HAVE NOTHING TO EAT TONIGHT. THE CHILDREN ARE GOING TO STARVE...

WHAT'S THE MATTER, MAMA?

JUST BECAUSE PAPA'S AGAINST THE WAR.

HEEEY, WHY'RE YOU CRYING, MAMA!

CHASING RABBITS ON THE MOUNTAIN, CATCHING FISH IN THE RIVER

神山國民小學校

SIGN KAMIYAMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

二年白組

SIGN CLASS 2-A

JAPAN WILL DEFINITELY WIN THE WAR.

JAPAN IS A SACRED COUNTRY. THE WIND OF THE GODS WILL BLOW AWAY ANY ENEMIES THAT COME NEAR

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BLACKBOARD THE BIRTH OF JAPAN

YES SIR!

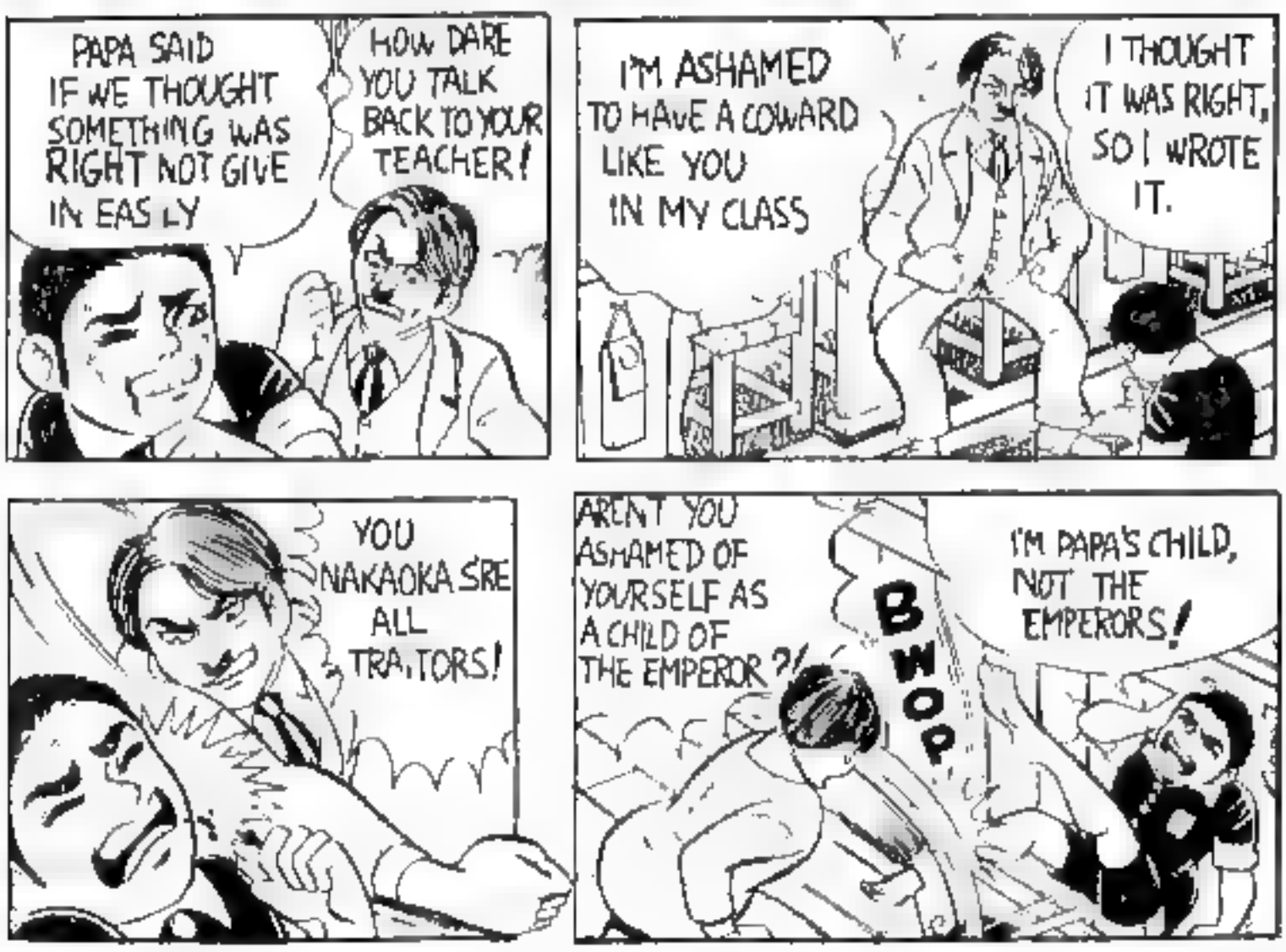
YES SIR!

THE EMPEROR IS THE GOD OF JAPAN. YOU ARE ALL THE EMPEROR'S OWN CHILDREN.

YOU ALL HAVE TO GROW UP TO BE STRONG CHILDREN OF JAPAN WHO WILL GO ANYWHERE THE EMPEROR COMMANDS, AND GIVE UP YOUR LIVES FOR HIM. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

YES S.R!
NOW, THE LETTERS TO THE SOLDIERS WHO ARE FIGHTING IN FAR OFF BATTLEFIELDS LET'S HAVE YOU READ YOUR LETTERS. YAMADA!
DEAR SOLDIERS, I HOPE YOU ARE WELL. WHEN I GROW UP, I WILL BECOME A SOLDIER TOO AND KILL LOTS OF HORRIBLE AMERICAN SOLDIERS. PLEASE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
VERY GOOD, YAMADA.
YES SIR!
NEXT KIMURA.
THANK YOU, SOLDIERS WHO ARE FIGHTING FOR THE COUNTRY AGAINST THE AMERICAN DEVILS AND BRITISH FIENDS.
WE TOO WILL BEAR UP. HOWEVER HARD THINGS ARE, TILL JAPAN WINS THE WAR. WE WILL DIE ANYTIME FOR THE EMPEROR, FOR THE COUNTRY.
WELL DONE! KEEP UP THE SPIRIT.
YES SIR
NEXT NAKAOKA.
MY FATHER SAYS THAT JAPAN SHOULD NOT FIGHT IN THE WAR.
WAR TAKES LIVES, DESTROYS EVERYTHING I THINK SO TOO
GOOOOOR
PLEASE DON'T DIE, SOLDIERS YOUR MOTHERS AND FATHERS WILL BE SAD.

CRASH
YOU FOOL! YOU DARE CALL YOURSELF A JAPANESE BOY?
SMACK
I ONLY I WROTE WHAT THOUGHT, LIKE YOU TOLD US TO DO.
FOOL! DON'T YOU DARE WRITE THAT WAR IS BAD AGAIN!
ALL RIGHT WRITE IT OVER AGAIN, AND ASK THE SOLDIERS TO KILL LOTS OF AMERICAN DEVILS AND BRITISH FRIENDS.
N..NO, I WON'T


PAPA SAID IF WE THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS RIGHT NOT GIVE IN EASILY
HOW DARE YOU TALK BACK TO YOUR TEACHER!
I'M ASHAMED TO HAVE A COWARD LIKE YOU IN MY CLASS
I THOUGHT IT WAS RIGHT, SO I WROTE IT.
YOU NAKAOKA SRE ALL TRAITORS!
AREN'T YOU ASHAMED OF YOURSELF AS A CHILD OF THE EMPEROR?!
BWOP
I'M PAPA'S CHILD, NOT THE EMPERORS!

OHHH
YOU GO STAND OUT IN THE HALLWAY! AND YOU CAN TAKE TWO BUCKETS WITH YOU!

WHAT DO YOU ALL THINK OF NAKAOKA?
SIR! NAKAOKA'S A BAD ONE!
PEOPLE AGAINST THE WAR SHOULDN'T BE LET OFF EASY.

YES SIR!
YES S.R!
RIGHT. YOU SHOULDN'T THINK THE WAY NAKAOKA DOES.

CRASH
CRASH

NAKAOKA, WE'LL HAVE YOU REPENT.
OW! OWWW!

WHY AM I WRONG?

GO ON IN.

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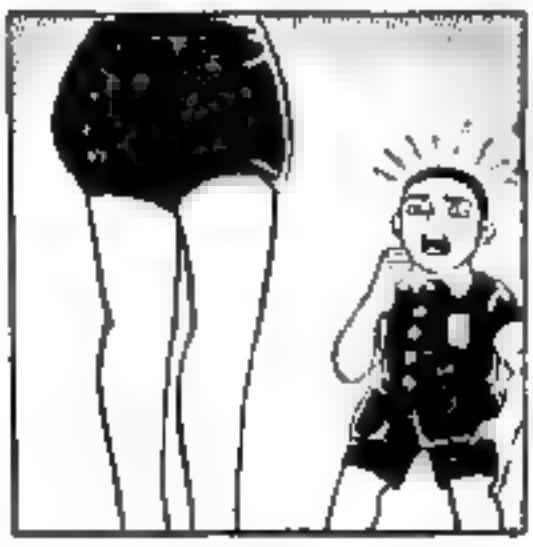

WHAT HAPPENED, EIKO?!

THERE'S MONEY MISSING FROM THE CLASSROOM, AND MR. NUMATA SAYS I TOOK IT...

SO THEY STRIPPED YOU AND CHECKED YOU?

REALLY, EIKO?

YOU FOOL. YOU THINK I'D TAKE IT?

MR NUMATA WON'T BELIEVE ME

MR NUMATA. HOWEVER MUCH YOU SEARCH ME YOU WON'T FIND THE MONEY-I HAVEN'T TAKEN IT!

YOU COULDVE HIDDEN IT SOMEWHERE ELSE...

MR NUMATA. MY SISTER DOESN'T TELL LIES, DON'T BULLY HER!

HOW CAN YOU SAY SUCH THINGS!

I'M NOT BULLYING HER, I'M JUST INVESTIGATING. HURRY UP AND CONFESS!

SO YOU STILL SAY I TOOK THE MONEY?

YOUR FATHER'S A TRAITOR WHO'S AGAINST THE WAR- HE'S BEEN ARRESTED BY THE POLICE... HE'D PROBABLY STEAL. TOO.

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH PAPA?

H-HOW CAN YOU.

WITH TRAITORS FOR PARENTS. THE CHILDREN CAN'T AMOUNT TO MUCH GOOD.

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING

Y. YOU STUPID TEACHER! I HAVEN'T TAKEN THE MONEY!

ACH!

YOU!

DON'T BULLY SIS!

AAAAH!

:SOB:

DON'T BE MEAN TO HER!

SIGN BRAVERY SIGN DETERMINATION

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON... HOW DARE HE TALK BACK!

INDEED.. WHAT'S TO BECOME OF THEM.

MISS NAKAOKA, THERE'S A STUDENT WHO SAW YOU TAKE THE MONEY.

WHO? LET ME SEE THAT STUDENT

BE QUIET! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CONFESS AND GIVE BACK THE MONEY.

I HAVEN'T TAKEN IT!

HEH HEH THAT NAKAOKA GIRL'S GETTING IT. HUH. I TOLD ON HER.

BANG! BANG!

BANG! BANG!

KAZUO, THAT BULLET HIT YOU. YOU'RE DEAD.

OK

BANZAI! LONG LIVE THE GREAT EMPIRE

KAZUO! DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO PLAY WITH THAT KID?!

YOU'LL TURN STUPID IF YOU PLAY WITH TRAITORS' KIDS.

YOU OLD HAG!

HOW DARE YOU. YOU TRAITOR'S BRAT!

KIZZO

WAAAH

EEEOW!

WHAT HAPPENED, SHINJI?

WAA... AAH!

SHE HIT ME BECAUSE I'M A TRAITOR'S KID.. MY HEAD HURTS!!

WHAT! TO TREAT AN INNOCENT CHILD LIKE A TRAITOR.. HOW CRUEL...

THERE WE GO, NOW YOU'RE ALL RIGHT

MAMA, I'M HUNGRY! ISN'T DINNER READY YET?

WHAT SHALL WE DO? I'VE ASKED ALL OUR FRIENDS, BUT NO ONE WILL LEND US ANY RICE OR POTATOES...

DAMN IT!
DAMN
EIKO, WHAT CAN WE DO?
I'D LIKE TO KILL THOSE TEACHERS NUMATA AND KUMA
SNIFF!
GEN, EIKO. WHAT'S THE MATTER, WHY'RE YOU CRYING?
OH MR PAK
DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT?
N NO
THEN WHAT IS IT?

WHAT A TERRIBLE THING TO SAY.. THAT BECAUSE YOUR FATHER'S A TRAITOR. YOU TOOK THE MONEY?

CHEER UP! I RESPECT YOUR FATHER.

WHY, MR PAK?

W. WELL... NO MATTER WHAT, YOUR FATHER'S A GREAT MAN.

♪ YAAH! YAAH! KOREANS! THEY ALL WEAR ♪ FUNNY SHOES..! ♫

HEEEY! THE TRAITORS AND THE KOREAN ARE GETTING FRIENDLY!!

THE WORST OF THE LOT!!

ZI-NNN ZI-NNN

THUD THUD

O OW!! WHO IS IT!

D DAMN.

MR PAK, GO ON HOME. I WON'T BE CALLED TRAITOR AND BE MADE FUN OF FOR BEING WITH A KOREAN.

CHEER UP, YOU TWO.

MMM. SOMETHING SMELLS GOOD, HUH, E.KO.
DAMN . SOMETHING GOOD'S COOKING, WISH WE COULD HAVE SOME! GEE. I'M HUNGRY... LET'S GO HOME, EIKO.
WHEN PAPA COMES HOME, I'M GOING TO TELL ON THOSE TEACHERS!
NO, GEN DON'T MAKE MAMA AND PAPA WORRY - DON'T SAY ANYTHING.
MAMA'S GOING TO WORRY IF WE GO HOME CRYING- LET'S SING AND CHEER UP...
OK
THE EVENING SKY IS CLEAR NG, THE AUTUMN WIND BLOWS. CRICKETS CALL AND THE MOON-LIGHT SHINES
REMEMBER THE SKIES, THE SAME SKIES
ABOVE OUR HOME SO F-FAR AWAY
WAAAAH!
WAAAAH!

....

MAAAMAAA! I'M STAARVING, I'M STAARVING!

TINA TINA TINA TINA TINA

P-KO

SHUT

BE QUIET!

WAAAAH! MAMA HIT ME!!

....

WAAAAH!! I'LL TELL ON YOU WHEN PAPA COMES HOME!

SHINJI, I WANT TO FEED YOU. BUT FOOD'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET HOLD OF...

WE'VE BORROWED A LOT FROM THE WHOLESALER'S ALREADY, SO WE CAN'T BORROW ANY MORE..

BECAUSE PAPA'S BEEN TAKEN AWAY BY THE POLICE, WE CAN'T WORK AND THERE'S NO MONEY.

I'M HUNGRY! I'M HUNGRY!

BE PATIENT MAMA'LL GO BORROW POTATOES AND RICE TOMORROW.

WAAAAH! NOOOO, I'M HUNGRY!

WHY CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND, SHINJI!

PAPA... COME HOME QUICKLY... I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE. BEING CALLED A TRAITOR.

WAAAH ...

HEH. HEH. SERVES THEM RIGHT. THOSE TRAITORS. FOR TRYING TO OPPOSE ME -

I EVEN TOLD THE TEACHERS ABOUT YOU - TO GIVE YOU A HARD TIME.

WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT, MISTER?

UH OH!

N NOTHING

THEN DON'T GO LOOKING INSIDE PEOPLE'S HOUSES!

PIG!

I'D LIKE TO KILL THAT BRAT!

I'M HOME

GEN, GEN! NO DINNER TONIGHT!

WH WHY?

....

WHAT'S THE MATTER, MAMA?

BE PATIENT .. PLEASE. YOU HAVE TO BE.

TICK TOCK TICK TOCK

DAMN. THOSE NEIGHBORS BEING MEAN TO US..

IF ONLY WE COULD EAT OUR WHEAT SOON - THEN WE'D BE OKAY.

MAMA! LET'S CATCH SOME LOCUSTS AND HAVE THEM FOR DINNER!

RIGHT! THEY'RE GOOD ROASTED- LET'S GO CATCH SOME!

THERE'S A LOT IN THE ARTILLERY RANGE!

ALL RIGHT. AT LEAST THEY'LL FILL OUR STOMACHS A BIT..

WOW!! COME ON, MAMA QUICK- THERE'S LOADS OF 'EM!

WHEEE! LOADS OF DINNER! LET'S GET 'EM!

TICK TICK

GOT ONE!!!

RUSTLE
RUSTLE

WE'VE CAUGHT QUITE A LOT-LETS GO HOME
HEY GEN. IF WE EAT A BELLYFUL OF LOCUSTS. WILL WE BE ABLE TO FLY?
DUMMY!!

'D LIKE TO FLY AND SHOOT DOWN SOME AMERICAN PLANES- THEN I'D TAKE AWAY THEIR FOOD AND EAT IT UP!

WHAT DO THE AMERICANS EAT, GEN? WHITE RICE?
AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE DEVILS- THEY PROBABLY EAT SHIT

BEGGARS, BEGGARS FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER, HOLDING THEIR BOWLS OUTSIDE THE GATE- HEY MISTER! GIVE US SOME RICE! GIVE US A BELLYFUL OF RICE!!

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PAPA'S COME HOME FROM THE POLICE!
IT'S PAPA!

PAAAAAA!

PAPA!

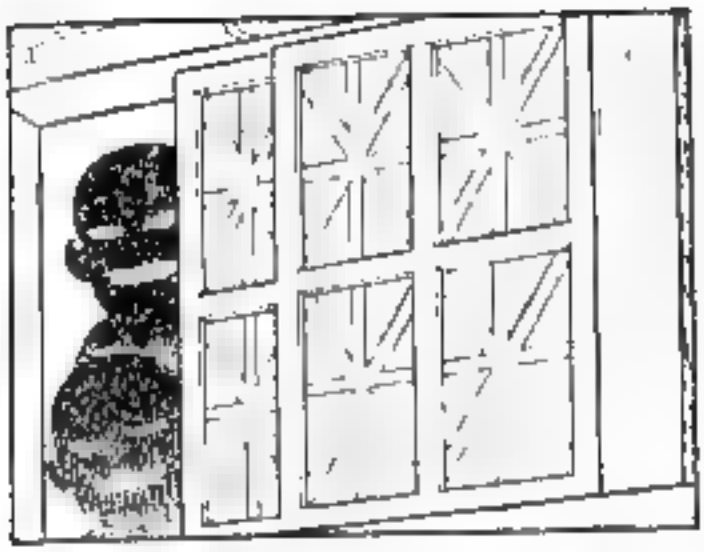
PAPA!
PAPA!
WHERE'D YOU ALL GO? EVERYTHING'S LOCKED, I COULDN'T GET IN

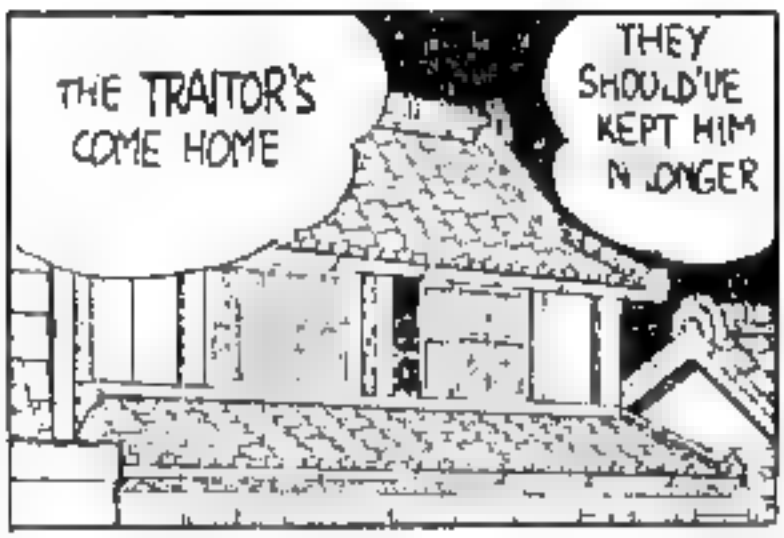
HUG!

PAPA!
PAPA!
WAAAH PAPAA! WE MISSED YOU!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. I WON'T BE LEAVING YOU ANYMORE

SORRY I MADE YOU WORRY

D DEAR WELCOME HOME
THE POLICE FINALLY LET ME GO




THE TRAITOR'S COME HOME
THEY SHOULD'VE KEPT HIM N LONGER

SWISH
SWISH

KRACK

PAPA!
DEAR
D... DAMN ...

DAMN! WHO THREW THE STONE!!
COME ON OUT YOU DIRTY FINKS!

DAMN YOU ALL, YOU IDIOTS!
PAPA ISN'T A TRAITOR. YOU FOOLS. YOU MORONS. YOU..

IT'S SO GOOD PAPA'S BACK. NOW WE'RE BACK TO NORMAL.
IM SORRY. YOU ALL GET CALLED TRAITORS BECAUSE OF ME AND CAN'T BUY RICE AND HAVE TO EAT LOCUSTS...
IT'S TOO BAD WE CAN'T CELEBRATE YOUR COMING BACK HOME.
I DON'T MIND HOW HARD THINGS GET
BUT WHEN I THINK OF YOU ALL
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US. PAPA.
FORGIVE ME...
YEAH. WE'LL ALL EAT LOTS OF LOCUSTS AND FILL OUR STOMACHS. WE'LL BE OKAY!
HA HA, CHEER UP, PAPA. WE'RE ALL RIGHT!
HUH, SHINJI
Y..YEAH BUT I'M STILL HUNGRY...

DUMMY! SAY YOU'RE OK!

OW! I'M OK, PAPA.

I'M LUCKY... TO HAVE SUCH A WIFE. SUCH CHILDREN.

DON'T BE SILLY, DEAR

I'M GOING TO WORK HARD FROM NOW ON, SO YOU CAN EAT PLENTY!

GOOD EVENING

YES, WHO IS IT?

IT'S PAK

?

THIS IS FOR YOU ALL.

M MR PAK- WHY ALL THIS RICE?

IT'S VERY LITTLE, BUT PLEASE TAKE IT.

MR NAKAOKA'S COME BACK FROM THE POLICE, IT'S A CELEBRATION!!

M MR PAK

TO PROTEST AGAINST THE WAR EVEN THOUGH HE'S CALLED A TRAITOR. I RESPECT MR NAKAOKA, I'M GLAD HE'S BACK.

WHEN KOREA WAS TAKEN OVER BY JAPAN. WE KOREANS WERE BROUGHT HERE FORCEFULLY WE'RE FORCED TO WORK, OR WE'RE SENT OUT AS SOLDIERS TO THE BATTLEFIELD.

THE KOREANS ARE BEING MALTREATED WE'RE SUFFERING SO MUCH BECAUSE OF THE WAR

I WANT THIS WAR TO END QUICKLY SO I CAN GO BACK TO MY WIFE AND CHILDREN IN KOREA

MR PAK I'M GLAD-AT LEAST ONE PERSON UNDERSTANDS

CHEER UP MR NAKAOKA!!

IT ISN'T A DREAM. IS IT, GEN? I COULD DIE. I'M SO HAPPY!

WHOOPEE! RICE!! RICE!!

TICK TOCK

WELL THEN

THANK YOU, MR PAK - HOW CAN WE EVER THANK YOU ENOUGH?

SSS PANT, PANT

RICE! HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN, HUH GEN?!

HEE HEE ....

GO AHEAD AND EAT, PAPA.

I DON'T WANT ANY

WH. WHY?

YOU HAVE TO GET NOURISHMENT FOR THE BABY TOO- HAVE MY SHARE!

DEAR.

PAPA, THEN YOU HAVE MINE! I'M OK.

EIKO!

WHAT'LL WE DO, SHINJI SHALL WE GIVE OURS TO PAPA TOO?

NOT ME!!!

PAPA, I'LL GIVE YOU MINE TOO- IT'S A CELEBRATION!!

GEN

....

YOU MISER!!

PAPA, I'LL GIVE YOU THIS MUCH!

SH SHINJ..

MY HEART'S FULL. YOUR FEELINGS ARE ENOUGH FOR ME

DON'T MIND ME- GO AHEAD AND EAT.

REALLY, PAPA? THAT'S TOO BAD

HEE HEE HEE!

HEE HEE HEE, IT'S A GOOD THING

POOR MR PAK- SUDDENLY UPROOTED AND BROUGHT HERE BY JAPANESE SOLDIERS

HE'S NOT ALLOWED TO SEE H'S WIFE AND CHILDREN THOUGH HE WANTS TO SO MUCH.

HE SHOULD RUN AWAY, THEN

PEOPLE WHO DID RUN AWAY WERE BEATEN TO DEATH BY JAPANESE SOLDIERS

KOREAN AND CHINESE PEOPLE ARE BROUGHT HERE TO STRENGTHEN JAPAN'S MILITARY RESOURCES, AND DIE OFF LIKE DOGS - ALL BECAUSE OF THE WAR

IN THE MINES THEY GET HARDLY ANY FOOD - THEY'RE THROWN INTO THE PITS AND MADE TO WORK TILL THEY DIE

IN THE SNOWS OF HOKKAIDO - THEY'RE WORKED TILL THEY DIE FROM HUNGER AND THE COLD

THE JAPANESE ARE DOING TERRIBLE THINGS IN THE NAME OF THE WAR - IT MAKES ME ASHAMED TO BE JAPANESE.

KOREANS, KOREANS! THEY WEAR FUNNY SHOES

O

SMASH

!!! OW !!!

OOOO. WHAT WAS THAT FOR, PAPA!?

FOOL! DON'T MAKE FUN OF THE KOREANS!

B. BUT EVERYONE SAYS KOREANS AND CHINESE ARE STUPID...

DON'T BE FOOLED

IT'S JUST THE PEOPLE AT THE TOP WHO BEGAN THE WAR THAT SPREAD THE IDEA THAT THEY'RE STUPID THAT THE JAPANESE ARE SUPERIOR, AND THAT KOREANS AND CHINESE ARE STUPID AND USELESS.

THEY TAUGHT THAT PEOPLE OF OTHER COUNTRIES ARE ALL WORTHLESS, THAT THEY'RE LIKE DEVILS.

IT'S ALL TO MAKE THE JAPANESE BELIEVE JAPAN'LL WIN THE WAR BECAUSE THE ENEMY'S SO WEAK.

SO IT'S NOT TRUE THAT AMERICANS AND BRITISH ARE DEMONS, LIKE THE TEACHERS SAY?

RIGHT.

YOU MEAN JAPAN'S NOT SACRED AND THE EMPEROR'S NOT GOD AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO RECEIVE HELP FROM THE GODS TO WIN THE WAR?

THAT'S RIGHT

EVEN THE SCHOOLS, NEWSPAPERS, RADIO STATIONS, POLICE, AND THE ARMY OF JAPAN TODAY ARE UNDER CONTROL OF A MILITARY DICTATOR. THEY'RE TEACHING YOU LIES.

BUT DON'T BE MISGUIDED. THE ONLY WAY TO PREVENT WAR IS TO BE FRIENDS WITH THE KOREANS AND THE CHINESE.

WHEN THE MILITARY GRASPS HOLD OF POLITICAL POWER, THE WORLD ENTERS A DREADFUL DARKNESS.

WHOOEEE

THOSE AMERICAN B-29'S ARE HERE AGAIN.

IT'S AN AIR RAID!!

EVERYBODY, INTO THE BOMB SHELTER.

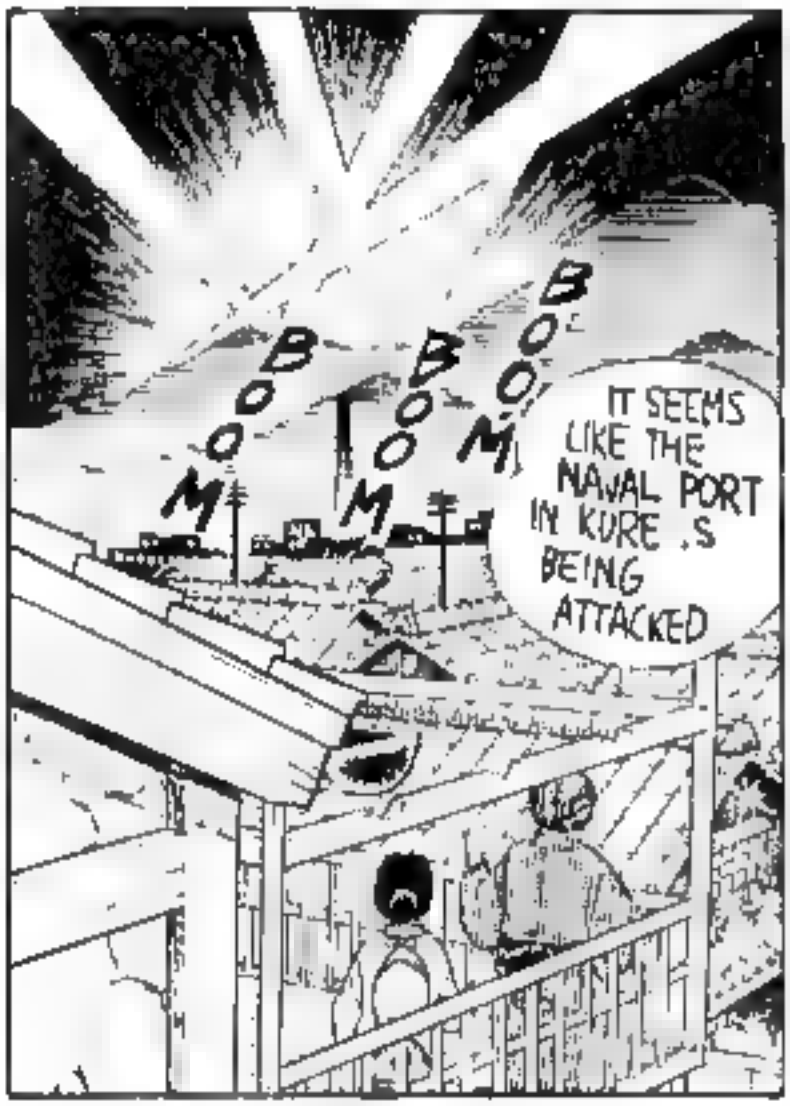
FORGET IT, KIMIE

WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SURVIVE IF A BOMB WAS DROPPED.

OF COURSE WE'LL DIE WHEREVER WE ARE

HURRY, HURRY!!

AIR RAID WARNING!!!


BOOM
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BOOM
IT SEEMS LIKE THE NAVAL PORT IN KURE .S BEING ATTACKED

DEAR, ISN'T IT STRANGE THAT THE B-29'S ARE BURNING DOWN MOST OF THE BIG CITIES OF JAPAN, BUT NOT ATTACKING HIROSHIMA?

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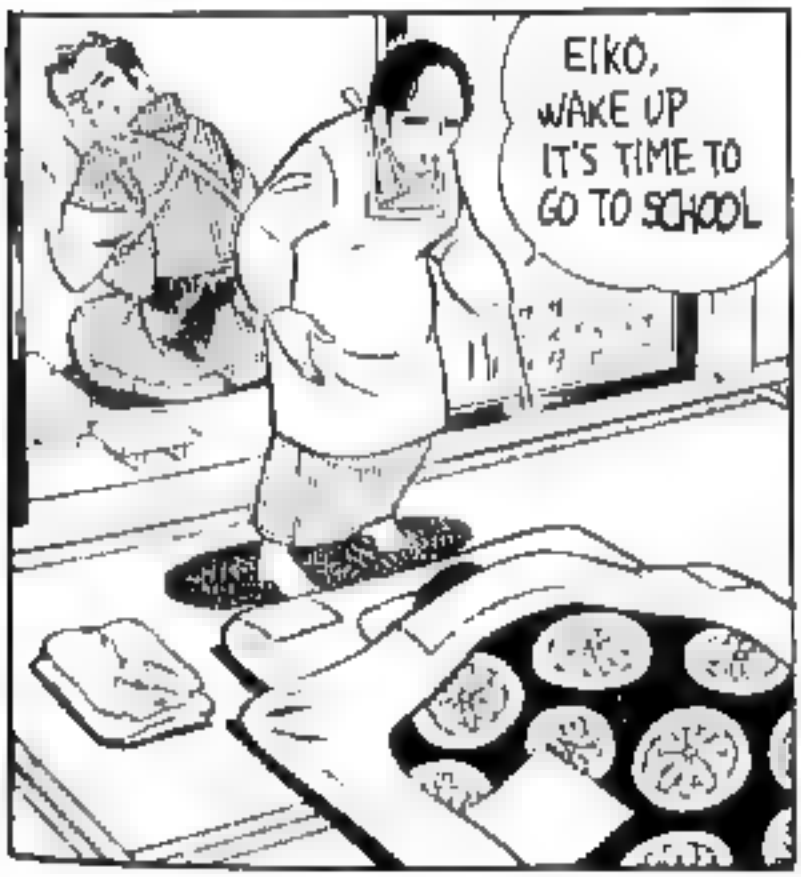
I HAVE THIS FEELING THAT SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS GOING TO HAPPEN HERE IN HIROSHIMA


EIKO, WAKE UP IT'S TIME TO GO TO SCHOOL

EIKO, ARE YOU FEELING SICK?

AH!

SOB SOB SOB ...
WHAT HAPPENED TO EIKO?
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU, EIKO?
EIKO, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
SOB SOB SOB ...
EIKO!
SOB SOB

WHAT IS IT?
WAAAH! PAPA!!!
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOU, IF YOU CRY LIKE THAT
I DON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL ANYMORE. NO. NO!!
....
THEY ACCUSED HER OF BEING A THIEF AND TOOK ALL HER CLOTHES OFF.
WH. WHAT?!
I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK. EITHER
WHAT HAPPENED AT SCHOOL?

BONG BONG

....

D. DEAR

GRRRR

THEY CALL ME A TRAITOR SO THEY TH NK THEY CAN TREAT EIKO LIKE A THIEF AND STRIP HER AND

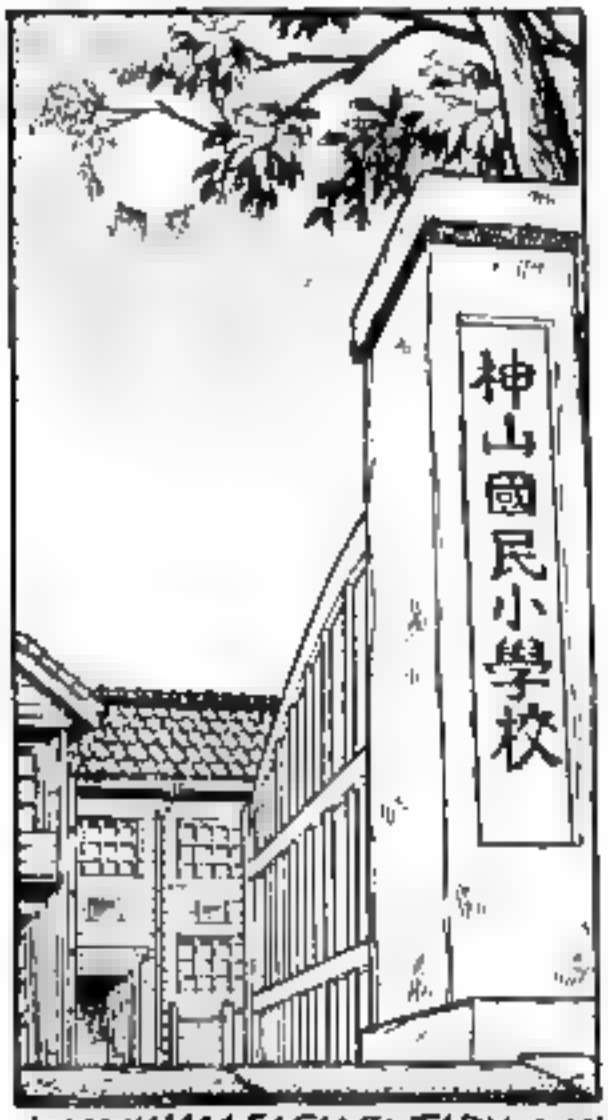
.'VE HAD ENOUGH OF IT

E.KO. YOU STAYED QUIET SO YOU WOULDN'T WORRY MAMA?

SOB, SOB ...

YOU SILLY GIRL YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD US SOONER SO YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO SUFFER.

BOO HOO HOO. MAMA



KAMIYAMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FACULTY ROOM

I'LL ASK ONE MORE TIME, MR NUMATA YOU STRIPPED AND SEARCHED MY DAUGHTER, E.KO, BECAUSE YOU HAD SOME EVIDENCE, RIGHT?
UH, NOT EXACTLY. IT'S JUST THAT ONE OF THE STUDENTS TOLD US.

IF THE MONEY WASN'T STOLEN. I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. 'CUZ I'M NOT GOING TO JUST LET IT GO.

GULP

CHATTER CHATTER

GET IN THERE, RYUKICHI

SO, IT WAS YOU, YOU RAT, RYUKICHI. IT WAS YOU WHO SAID THAT MY SISTER WAS A THIEF.

SHIVER SHIVER

SO, IT'S THE CHAIRMAN'S SON.

....

OK, RYUKICH SAMEJIMA. YOU ARE POSITIVE THAT YOU SAW MISS NAKAOKA STEALING THE MONEY, RIGHT? SPEAK UP.

WELL SPEAK UP

I... I DIDN'T SEE HER. I LIED BECAUSE I WANTED HER TO GET INTO TROUBLE

YO YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU LIED TO YOUR TEACHERS??

I I'M SORRY..

SMASH

OO..
OOO
WHAT CROOKS YOU AND YOUR FATHER ARE. SNEAKING AROUND AND GETTING PEOPLE INTO TROUBLE.

OW OW, FORGIVE ME.
YOU BRAINLESS IDIOT, YOU
BONK
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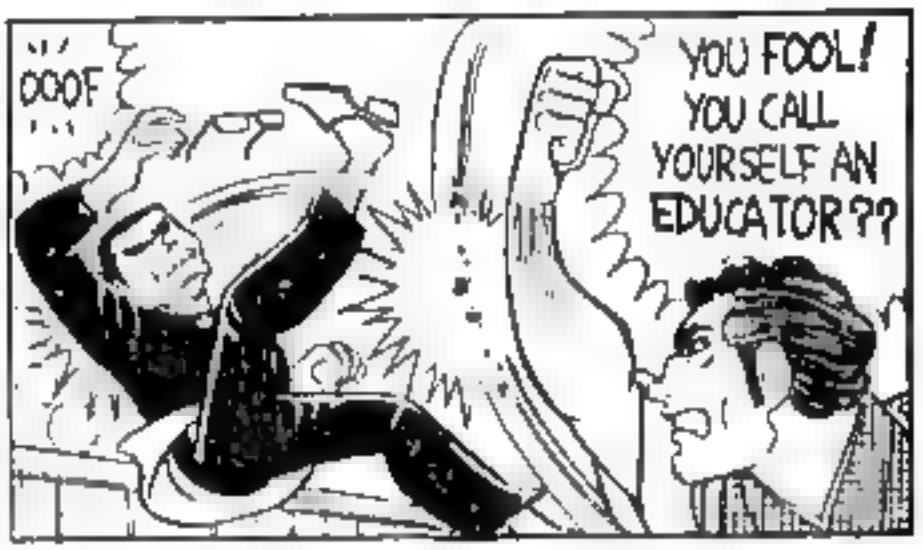
UH-OH...
WELL ?


OOOF
YOU FOOL! YOU CALL YOURSELF AN EDUCATOR??

YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEARCH MY DAUGHTER WITHOUT EVIDENCE??

MI MR NAKAOKA, I UNDERSTAND YOUR ANGER. BUT
BE QUIET !!!

YOU'VE SCARRED THE CHILD'S HEART FOREVER- YOU AREN'T QUALIFIED TO TEACH CHILDREN!

HEY, NUMATA YOU SAID THAT EIKO STOLE THE MONEY BECAUSE I'M A "TRAITOR" WHO'S AGAINST THE WAR, RIGHT?

THE WAY I SEE IT, YOU'RE A WORSE TRAITOR THAN I - YOU TRICK YOUR PUPILS. YOU MAKE THEM BELIEVE IN WAR AND SEND THEM OFF TO DIE!

DON'T GO BOASTING ABOUT BEING A TEACHER UNDERSTAND, YOU MORON??

DON'T YOU EVER CALL MY CHILDREN THIEVES!

EIKO, GEN, LET'S GO.

THAT TRAITOR.

D. DAMN.

SLAM!

RYUKICHI, WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT NAKAOKA STOLE THE MONEY?

'CUZ I REALLY DIDN'T SEE HER AND THAT MAN SCARED ME

KBACK

YOU IDIOT. PUTTING US INTO SUCH AN EMBARRASSING SPOT

IT DIDN'T MATTER IF YOU SAW HER OR NOT.

WE CAN'T FORGIVE TRAITORS WHO ARE AGAINST THE WAR.

BOO HOO. I'M ALWAYS BEING PICKED ON BY NAKAOKA!

PLEASE SAY SOMETHING, PRINCIPAL.

IT'S NO USE. YOUR JUDGEMENT WAS A LITTLE TOO STRICT.

....

PLEASE DON'T AGGRAVATE THE MATTER FURTHER, MR NUMATA.

BEGGARS, BEGGARS, FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER. HOLDING THEIR BOWLS OUTSIDE THE GATE- HEY MISTER! GIVE US SOME RICE! GIVE US A BELLY FULL OF RICE

GEN. LET'S TAKE CARE OF THE WHEAT FIELD AND THEN GO HOME.

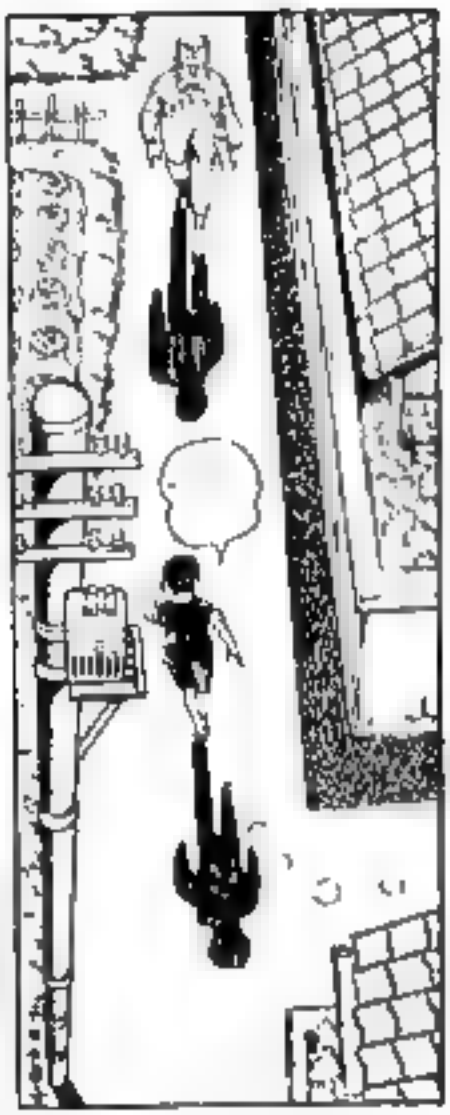
YEAH!

PAPA !!!
WHAT?
UH. NOTHING
WHAT'S THE MATTER? DON'T CALL ME IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY
PAPA !!
WHAT ?
GEN, ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?
HEE, HEE, HEE
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, GEN?
CLOMP
CLOMP
CLOMP
PAPA YOU'RE THE BEST PAPA IN THE WHOLE WORLD!! WHEN I GROW UP I'M GONNA BE STRONG LIKE YOU!!
TH.. THAT KID
WHOOPIE!! HURRY TO THE FIELD. LET'S GO!!
CLOMP
CLOMP

PAPA I LOVE YOU TOO, PAPA AND I'LL BE AS STRONG AS YOU, TOO!

WAIT FOR ME, GEN
HURRY UP! WE'LL RACE.

E...EIKO, GEN. D.. DAMN IT, YOU MAKE ME CRY.



HI, GEN.
MR PAK!

GEN.
MR. PAK, I'M SORRY ABOUT THE OTHER DAY I GOT KINDA CARRIED AWAY ABOUT BEING TEASED FOR BEING WITH A KOREAN

TH THANK YOU
MR PAK, I HOPE THE WAR ENDS SOON SO YOU CAN GO HOME TO KOREA BYE!

HE'S A GOOD KID. IF ONLY ALL THE JAPANESE WERE LIKE THAT

HEY, EIKO.

:PUF: :PUF: MR. PAK!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YESTERDAY GOOD LUCK AND DON'T LOSE HOPE, MR PAK!

YE YEAH THANK YOU

TH... THANK YOU.

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG, SIS?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? YOU HAD A HEAD START.

HUFF PUFF...

HEY...

WHAT?

OH, NO.

TH... THE FIELD. OUR PRE PRECIOUS WHEAT FIELD.

小林家の畑

WHO IN THE HELL WOULD DO SUCH A THING?

OH, NO. NO.

DAMN IT. WE WORKED SO HARD FOR THIS FIELD

WE DON'T HAVE ANY NOODLES OR BREAD OR ANYTHING.

WAAAH PAPA.

I'LL KILL HIM WHOEVER WRECKED MY WHEAT FIELD.. I'LL KILL HIM ..

SOB.

GEN. YOU HAVE TO BE STRONG. WE'LL TRY AGAIN. THIS TIME WE'LL REALLY TAKE CARE OF IT SO WE CAN HAVE SOME WHEAT.. THEY MAY CALL US TRAITORS BUT WE'LL HAVE OUR WHEAT.

HEY, PAPA !!!

GEN, EIKO!!! I THOUGHT YOU WERE HERE. HELP!!!

BIG BROTHER KOJI AND MAMA ARE FIGHTING. HURRY UP AND COME HOME.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND MAMA.

KOJI, IF YOU SAY YOU'RE GOING AGAIN, I'LL KILL YOU...

YOU UNGRATEFUL CHILD.

YIPES!

SZ-SIT

MAMA, STOP, PLEASE!

YOU BIG FOOL!

WAAH! WE CAN'T HAVE OUR NOODLES!

WAAH! OUR FIELDS RUINED!

STOP CRYING ABOUT IT. WE'LL START ALL OVER AGAIN.

HUFF PUFF

WHAT ON EARTH ARE MAMA AND KOJI FIGHTING ABOUT?

CRASH

BANG

MATS

SCATTER

:GASP:

:GASP:

OOOH, D. DEAR

WHAT'S THE MATTER, KIM E? WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT?!

. . .

KOJI WHY DID YOU MAKE MAMA CRY?

I'M GOING TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE NAVY, PAPA

W-H WHAT?!

DEAR, I TOLD HIM TO QUIT. BUT HE JUST WON'T LISTEN

THE FOOL HE DOESN'T HAVE TO GO OFF AND GET KILLED IN THE WAR

KOJI. WHY DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE NAVY?

TO DEFEND MY COUNTRY

I DON'T WANT TO BE AGAINST THE WAR LIKE YOU AND BE CALLED A TRAITOR!

YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT SORT OF THING?

I'M GOING TO JOIN THE NAVY AND SMEAR THOSE YANKS AND L.M.ES!!

DON'T YOU REMEMBER THAT YOUR COUSIN, GOKICHI, JOINED THE NAVY?
YOU KNOW WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE WHEN HE CAME BACK?

HE COULDN'T SEE, HIS ARMS AND LEGS WERE TORN OFF. ALL HE COULD DO WAS BREATHE
HE WAS NO BETTER OFF THAN A POTATO BUG!

THE PEOPLE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD IDOLIZED HIM AS A WAR HERO
ALL THEY COULD DO WAS THOUGHTLESSLY PRAISE HIM

HIS PARENTS HAD TO WATCH THEIR ONLY SON'S PAIN EVERY DAY
ON THE TINY SUM THEY GOT FROM THE GOVERNMENT THEY COULD BARELY MAKE ENDS MEET AND THEY'RE STILL GOING THROUGH HELL

KILL ME, PLEASE!
KILL ME!

I'M JOINING THE NAVY
I DON'T CARE IF I DIE

YOU THINK YOU CAN GO OFF TO WAR AND **YOU** ALONE CAN ESCAPE A BULLET

YOU MORON
I DIDN'T BRING YOU UP TO BECOME A MURDERER!!

I DON'T WANT TO BE A COWARD!

IF I DIE FOR MY COUNTRY, IT'LL BE FOR ALL THE JAPANESE PEOPLE. THEN I'LL BE SATISFIED!

YOU THINK THIS WAR IS BEING FOUGHT FOR ALL THE JAPANESE PEOPLE?

A HANDFUL OF **RICH MEN** STARTED THIS WAR FOR THEIR OWN **PROFIT**, WITHOUT EVEN **CONSULTING** US CITIZENS! WHAT DO YOU **MEAN** "FOR MY COUNTRY"? WAKE UP, KOJI!

YOU'RE GOING TO GO **DIE** FOR THOSE **RICH PEOPLE**? YOUR LIFE'S WORTH MORE THAN **THAT!!**

I'M NOT GOING TO **LET** YOU GO TO THE FRONT

I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE MY OLDEST SON **KILLED**

WAIT, KOJI-

I'M GOING TO JOIN THE NAVY!!

HEY, KOJI, WHERE ARE YOU **GOING**? WAIT FOR **ME!!**

WHAT'S HE HURRYING TO DIE FOR? WHEN HE'S TWENTY THE DRAFT NOTICE'LL COME AND WHETHER HE LIKES IT OR NOT HE'LL HAVE TO GO THE FOOL.

THAT FOOL KOJI

WAAH WAAH

K.MIE. IT'S A BOY!

HURRAH, HURRAH

KOJI SURE DRINKS A LOT HURRY AND GROW UP, KOJI!

I'M GOING TO MAKE HIM AN ARTIST JUST LIKE ME!

IF KOJI'S COLD GETS ANY WORSE, HE MIGHT DIE.

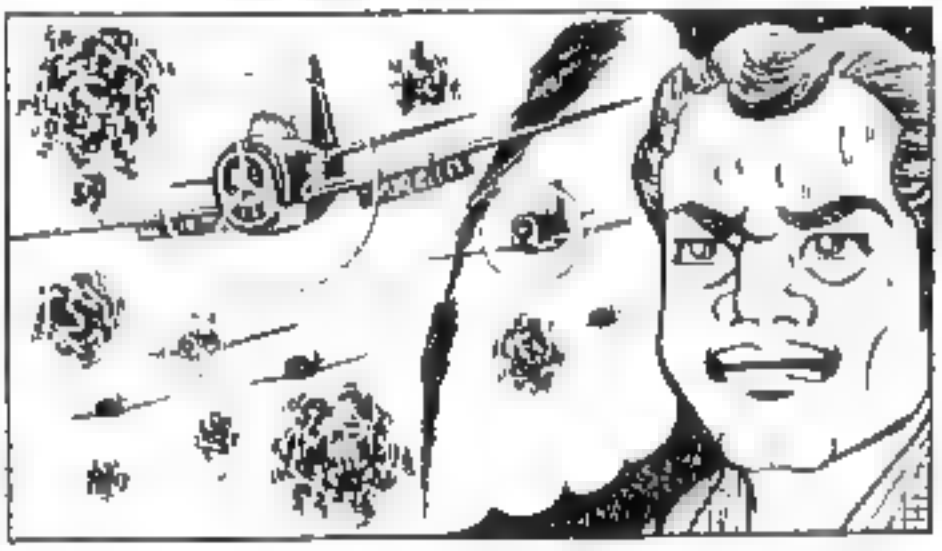
LETS TAKE HIM TO A HOSPITAL!

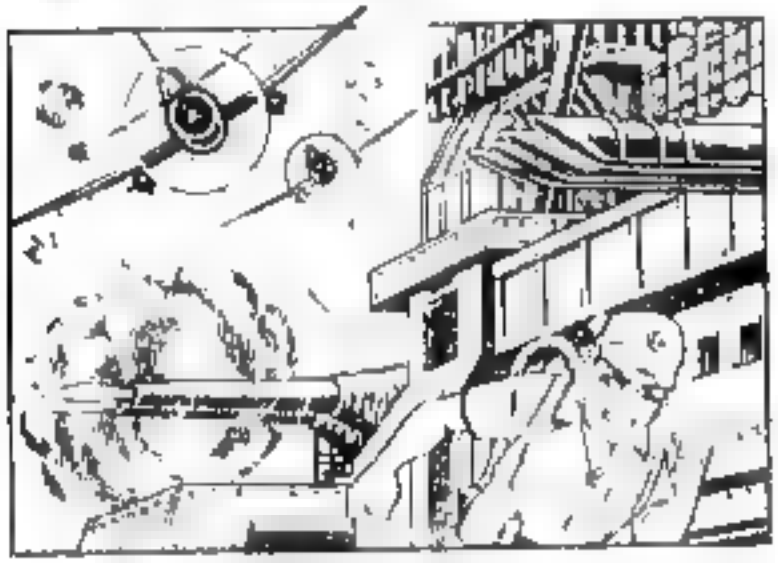
WE HAVE TO FIND A DOCTOR WHO WILL LOOK AT H M EVEN IF WE HAVE TO WAKE H.M UP.

EVEN IN TH S SNOW. DO YOU THINK THE DOCTORS W LL TAKE A LOOK AT H.M TH S LATE AT NIGHT?

DON'T DIE, KOJI! YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT!

DEAR GOD, PLEASE HELP OUR SON, KOJI
TAKE MY LIFE IN STEAD OF HIS !!





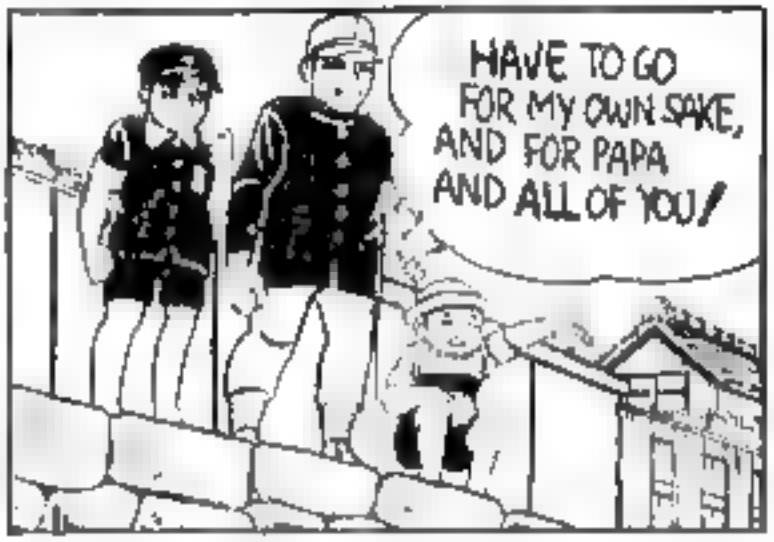
AAAAH!!!

I DON'T KNOW WHY WE HAD TO GO THROUGH ALL THAT TO RAISE KOJI...
JUST SO HE COULD GO OFF AND THROW HIS LIFE AWAY IN A WAR

THE FOOL THINKS IT TAKES COURAGE TO GO TO WAR!

I DON'T CARE ABOUT BEING CALLED A TRAITOR OR A COWARD
WHAT TAKES REAL COURAGE IS TO VALUE LIFE YOUR OWN AND EVERYBODY'S!

KOJI. WHY ARE YOU JOINING THE NAVY WHEN PAPA DOESN'T WANT YOU TO GO?


HAVE TO GO FOR MY OWN SAKE, AND FOR PAPA AND ALL OF YOU!

DO YOU KNOW HOW I'M TREATED AT THE FACTORY BECAUSE PAPA'S AGAINST THE WAR?

KOJI NAKAOKA, A MAN FROM THE SPECIAL POLICE IS HERE TO SEE YOU

Y YES, SIR.

YOU MIGHT AS WELL CONFESS

I I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING

AN EXPLOSION HAS OCCURRED IN THIS FACTORY THAT WAS YOUR DOING, WASN'T IT?

WH... WHAT? WHY ME?

DON'T GIVE ME THAT CRAP!!

-VUNGH !!

YOUR FATHER'S ANTI-WAR AND YOU'VE GOT THE SAME TRAITOR'S BLOOD.

YOU TRIED TO STOP THE MUNITION PRODUCTION OF THIS FACTORY, RIGHT?

I . I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT!

ALRIGHT IF THAT'S HOW YOU WANT IT WE'LL DO IT THE SLOW WAY

HEY. DID YOU HEAR THAT NAKAOKA CAUSED THE EXPLOSION?

THAT RAT WHEN WE HAVE TO MAKE ALL THOSE WEAPONS AND SEND THEM TO THE FRONT.

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DON'T TALK TO NAKAOKA

HE'S DANGEROUS, BE CAREFUL

HIS FATHER'S A TRAITOR AND HE'S A BAD ONE TOO

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

ZIAM

UNGHH... I DON'T KNOW WHAT I DON'T KNOW

COME ON NAKAOKA, IT'LL BE A LOT EASIER IF YOU SPIT IT ALL OUT.

YOU BETTER CONFESS, NAKAOKA

S.. SIR...

I'M ASHAMED. TO THINK THAT OUR SCHOOL PRODUCED A TRAITOROUS STUDENT LIKE YOU.

EVEN YOU, SIR..

NOW, NAKAOKA. WHO ASKED YOU TO SET UP THAT EXPLOSION?

IT WASN'T ME. IT WASN'T ME!!

..SO HE WENT ON BEATING ME AND INVESTIGATING ME..

THOSE DIRTY SPECIAL POLICE..

AFTERWARDS THEY FOUND OUT THAT IT HAD BEEN CAUSED BY A SHORT CIRCUIT.

BUT IT WAS TOO LATE I WAS ALREADY A CRIMINAL...

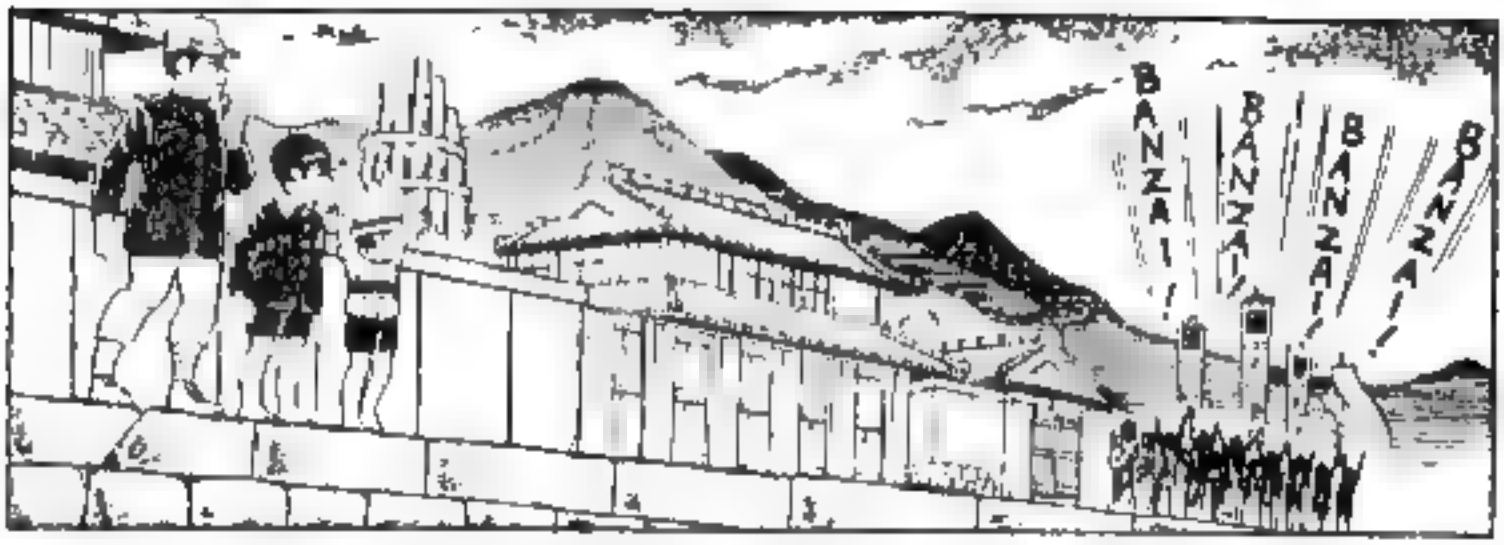
EVEN MY FRIENDS GAVE ME THE COLD SHOULDER, BECAUSE OF PA I WENT THROUGH HELL EVERYDAY

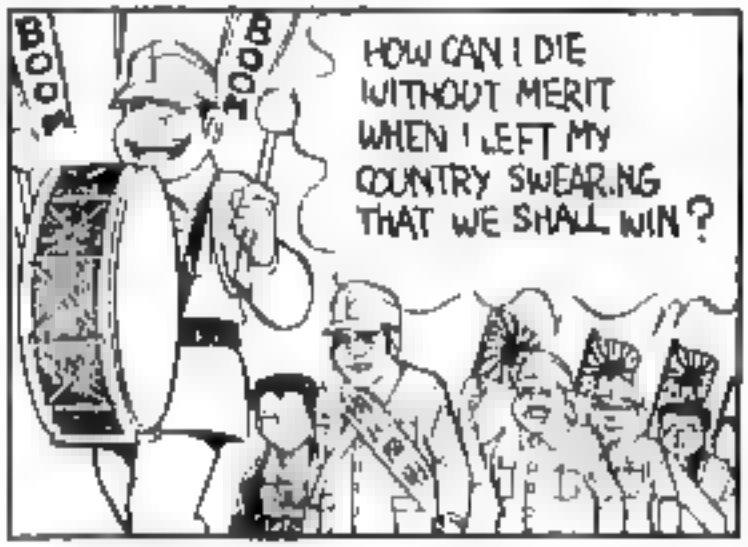
SO YOU TOO, HUH, KOJI?

I'M GOING TO JOIN THE NAVY AND SHOW THEM THAT I'M NO TRAITOR

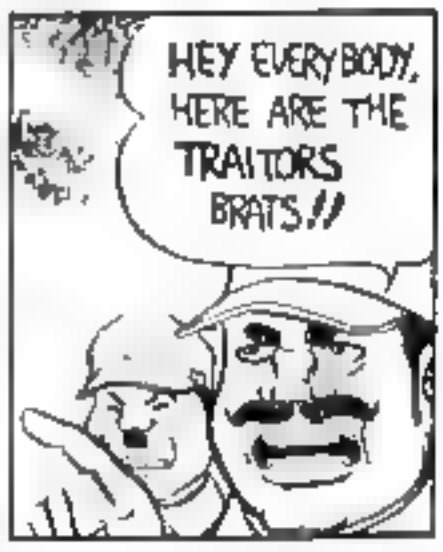
GEN. SHINJI, I'M GOING TO WAR AND KILL THOSE AMERICANS AND BRITISH KILL 'EM, KILL EM ALL!

I'M GOING TO COME BACK WITH MEDALS SO YOU CAN ALL WALK AROUND TOWN WITH YOUR HEADS UP HIGH.





BANNERS CONGRATULATIONS GORO OTAKE



YOU SHOULD TAKE A LESSON FROM MR OTAKE HERE

AREN'T YOU ASHAMED TO BE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS? GO ON, GET HOME!

SHUT UP!!

OUR BIG BROTHER IS GOING TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE NAVY HE'S GOING TO WAR.

I DARE YOU TO CALL US TRAITORS!

C'MON, CHEER !!!

YOU PEOPLE, YOU CHEER FOR OUR BROTHER, TOO

YOU STUPID BRAT, IT'S NATURAL FOR A JAPANESE TO GO TO WAR QUIT BRAGGING

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CHEER? JET'S GET 'EM, SHINJI!

YEAH !

YA A ACH!

L.. LET'S GET AWAY. WHEN THAT BRAT BITES HE WON'T LET GO UNT.. YOUR FINGER'S BITTEN OFF.

YOU DUMMIES !!

YOU IDIOTS !!

GEN, I'M GOING TO GO VOLUNTEER NOW

I'LL BE BACK WHEN IT'S ALL SETTLED.

GEN, SHINJI, TAKE CARE OF PA AND MA.

IF I DIE, YOU TAKE CARE OF THE FAMILY.

K. KOJI..

GEN. TELL PAPA I'M SORRY.

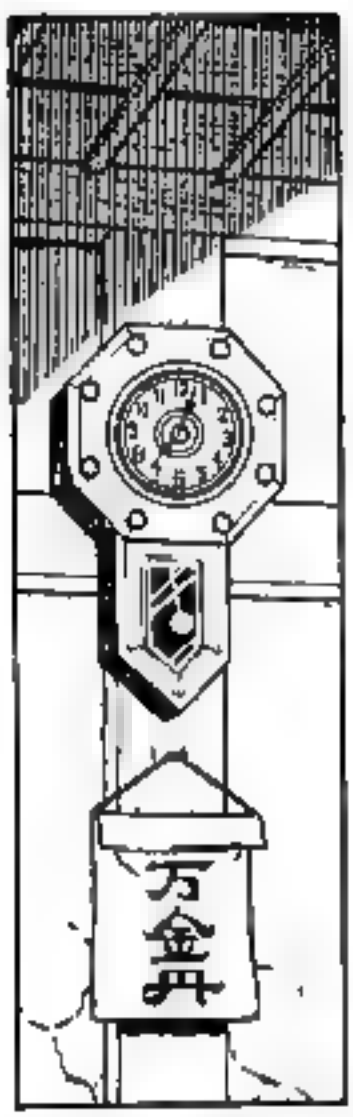
HURRAH !!

HURRAH FOR KOJI!! BANZAI !!!

GEN.. SHINJI.

HURRAH !

HURRAH FOR KOJI! BANZAI !!!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KOJI VOLUNTEERED FOR THE NAVY BECAUSE I'M CALLED A TRAITOR AND FOR THE SAKE OF OUR FAMILY..

DEAR, I GUESS WE HAVE TO COOPERATE WITH THE WAR NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE SCREAM AND SHOUT THAT IT'S WRONG

SOB..
I CAN'T STAND IT
I CAN'T STAND BEING CALLED A TRAITOR ANYMORE!

I DESPISE THE AUTHORITIES WHO HUNT OUT PEOPLE FOR THE WAR.
EVERYONE'S BEING DECEIVED THEY'RE ALL TURNED INTO HUMAN BULLETS.

DEAR, IF KOJI JOINS THE NAVY, EVERYBODY WILL BE KINDER TO US. HE MAY NOT EVEN DIE PLEASE, LET'S FORGIVE HIM

WOOOEEE
IT'S AN AIR RAID
D.. DEAR, IT'S AN AIR RAID!!
CLATTER
FOOL!!!

YOU FOOL. YOU'RE A FOOL, KOJI!!

KOJI, DON'T YOU EVER DIE!! WHAT EVER HAPPENS DON'T YOU DIE!!!
BE A COWARD, A WEAKLING... JUST COME BACK ALIVE!!!

NAKAOKA, THERE'S AN AIR RAID WARNING GOINGON. TURN OFF YOUR LIGHTS.

GRRRR.. DAMN YOU, CHAIRMAN...

SLOZP

ACH!!

YIPES !!

YOU FINALLY TURNED MY SON FROM A HUMAN BEING INTO A MAN-KILLING MACHINE.

YOU DAMN MURDERER! I'LL BEAT THE DAYLIGHTS OUT OF YOU!!

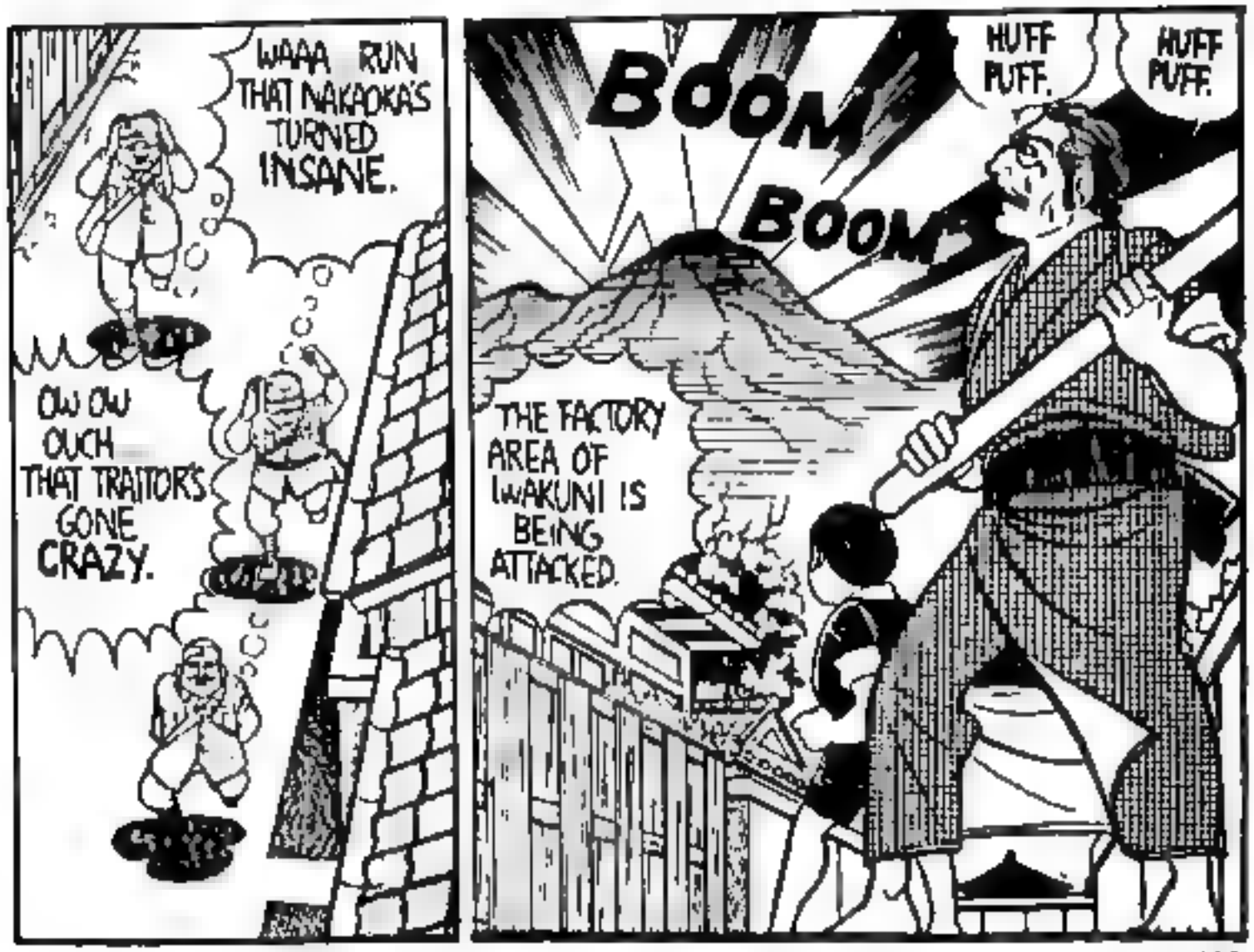
KRACK

OOOF

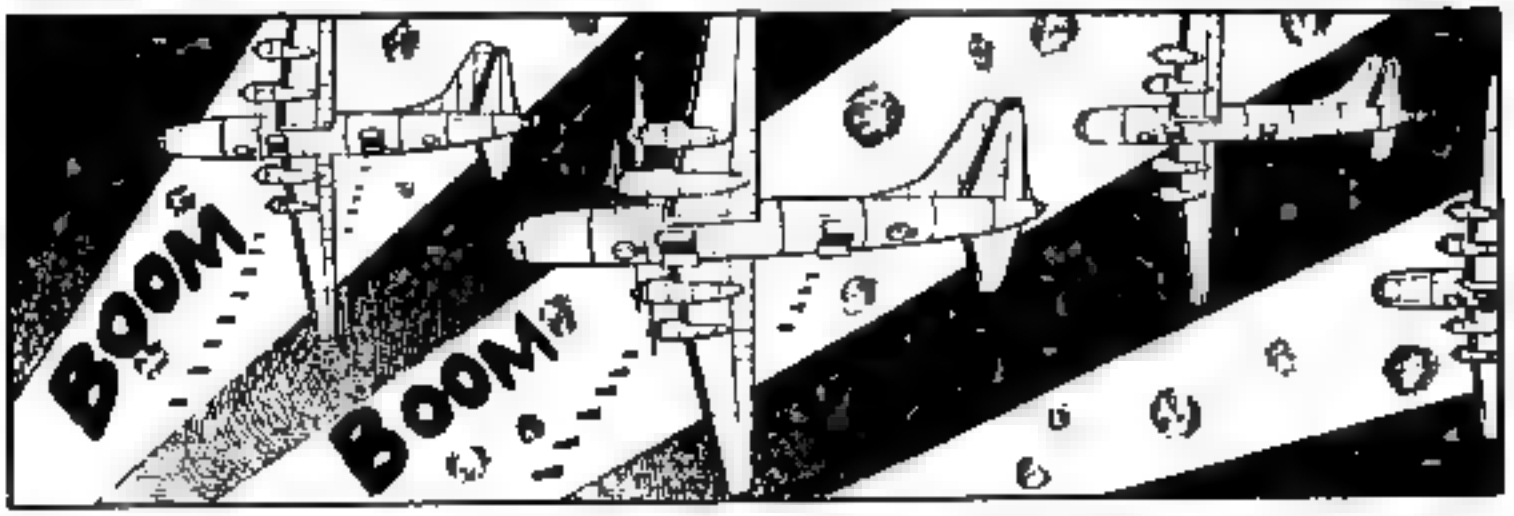
DAMN YOU!

THUD

ALRIGHT PAPA! I'LL HELP TOO!
TAKE THAT!
OW OW OUCH.
TAKE THAT!
DEAR, STOP IT!
LET GO, KIMIE.
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT IF YOU GET ARRESTED BY THE POLICE AGAIN, THEY WON'T LET YOU OFF SO EASILY. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?


WAAA RUN THAT NAKAOKA'S TURNED INSANE.
OW OW OUCH THAT TRAITOR'S GONE CRAZY.
BOOM
BOOM
HUFF PUFF.
HUFF PUFF.
THE FACTORY AREA OF IWAKUNI IS BEING ATTACKED.

STOP IT!!
STOP THIS
DAMN WAR!
BOOM
BOOM
DAMN IT!
STOP THIS
DAMN WAR!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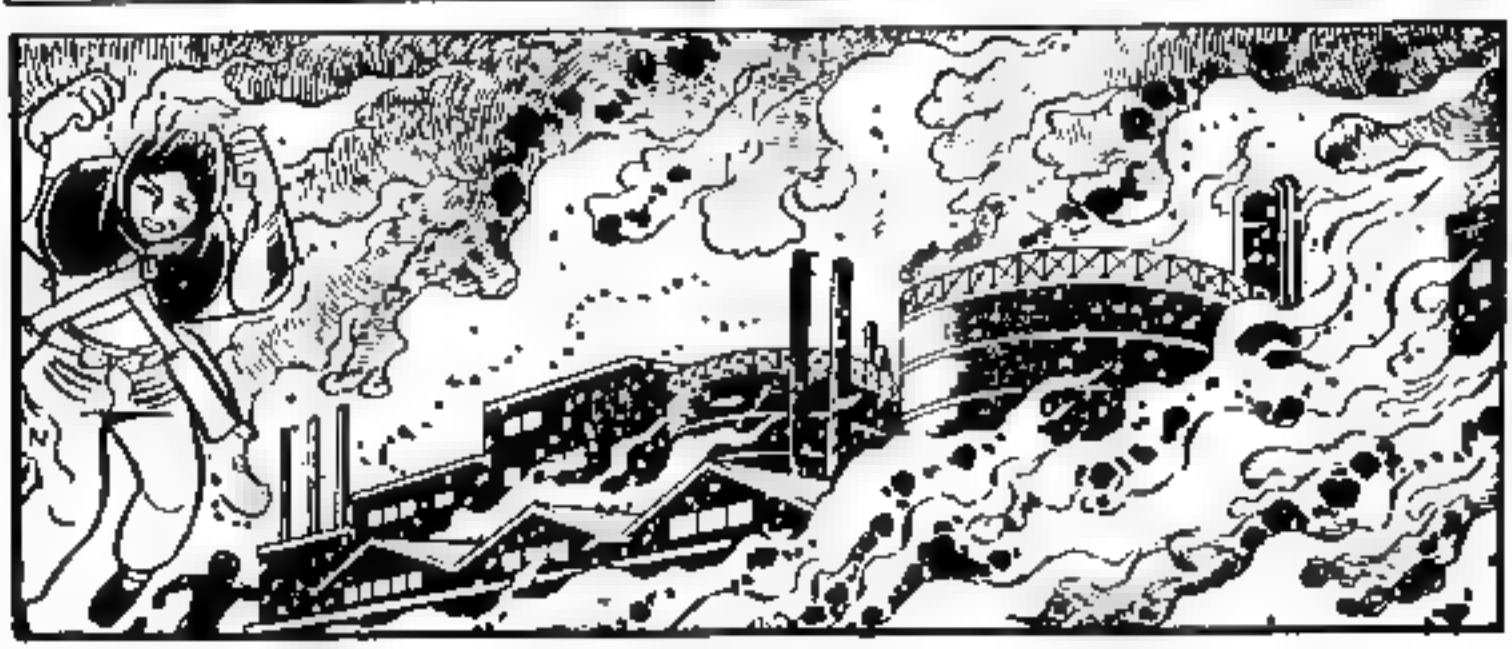

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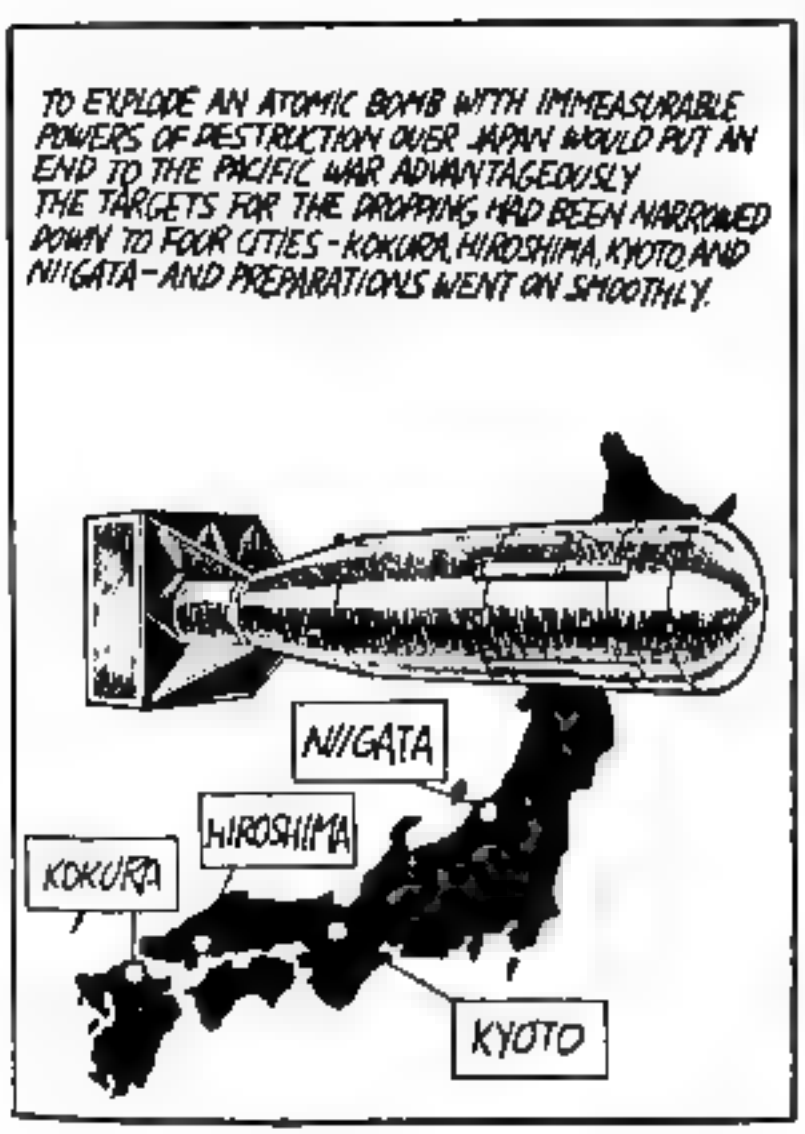
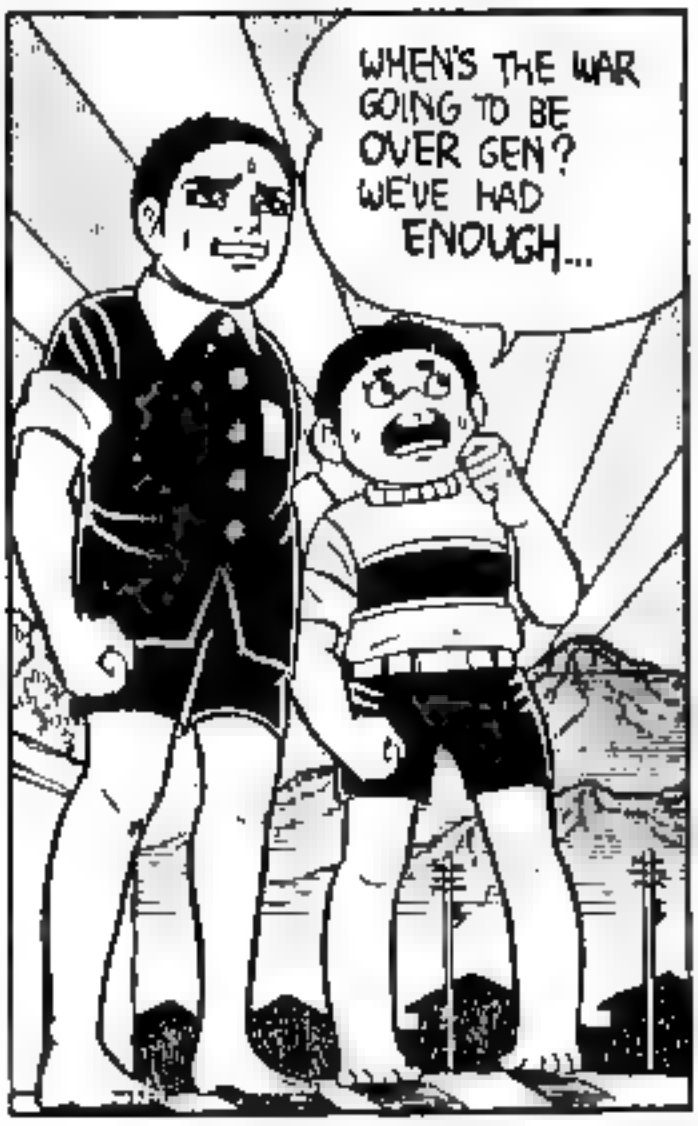
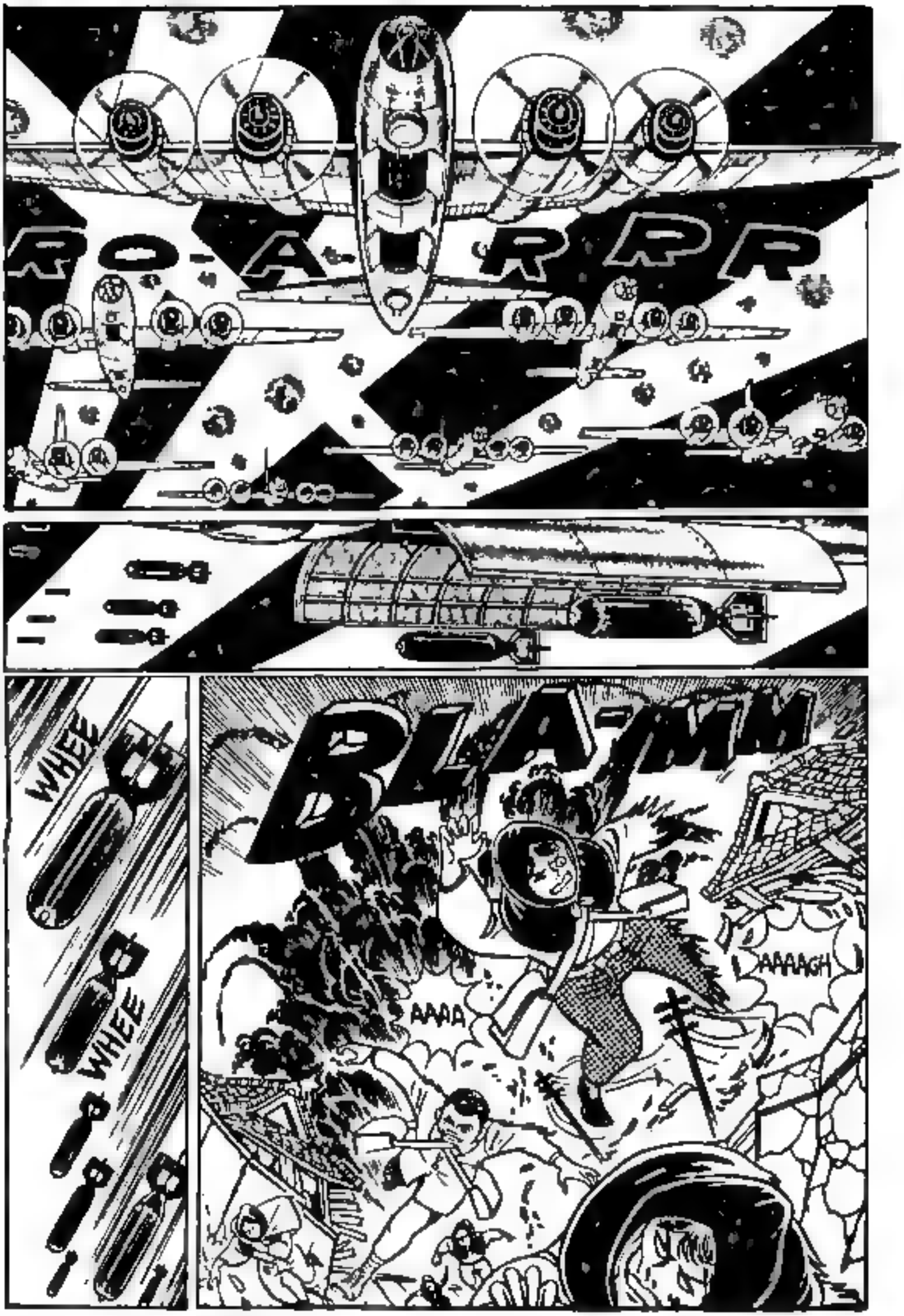
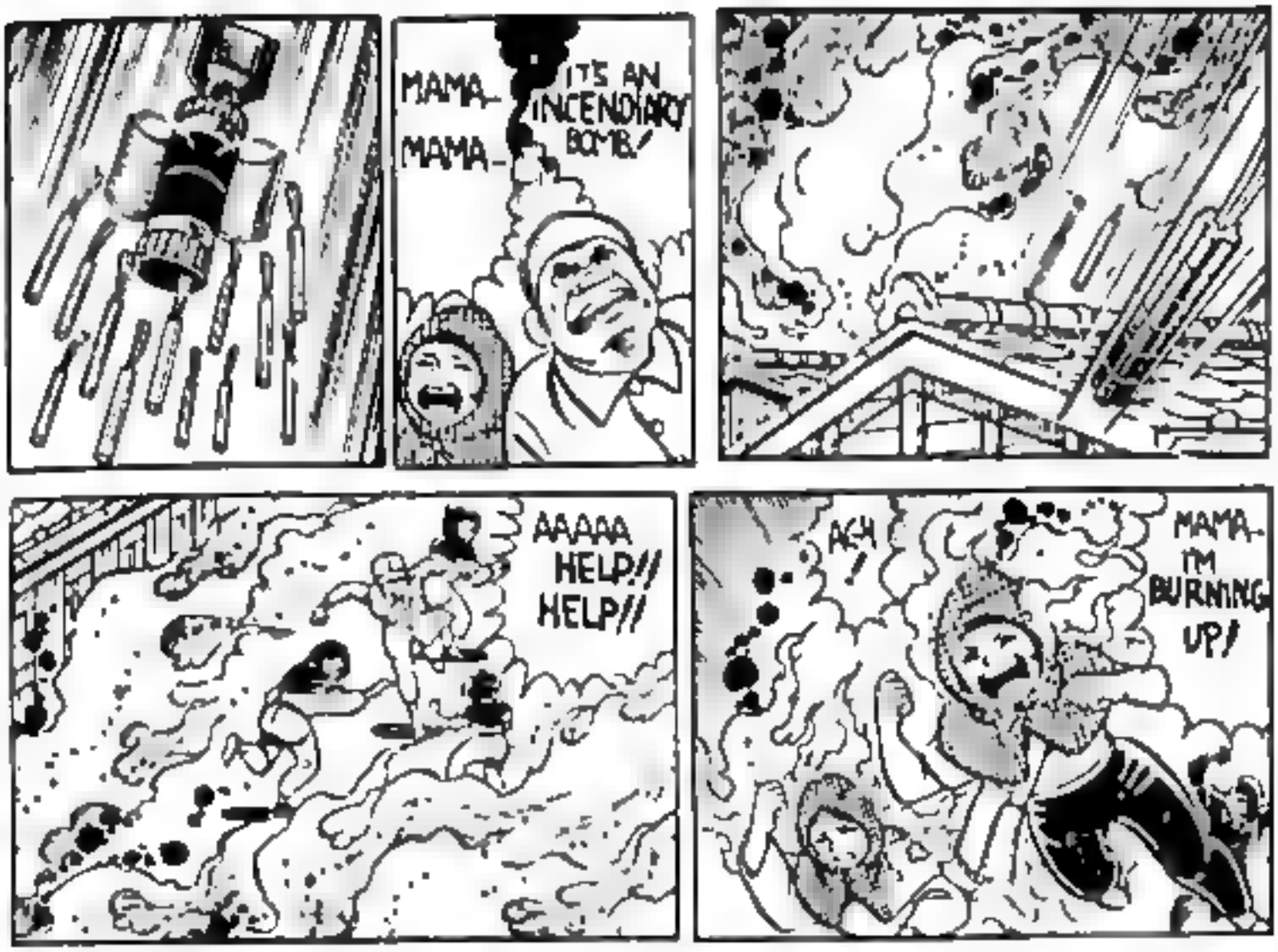
AT THAT TIME IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE COMPLETION OF A NUCLEAR WEAPON, THE ATOMIC BOMB (NAMED THE "MANHATTAN PROJECT") WAS NEARING. FOR THREE YEARS SCIENTISTS HAD BEEN STEPPING UP THE PACE OF THEIR RESEARCH.


TO EXPLODE AN ATOMIC BOMB WITH IMMEASURABLE POWERS OF DESTRUCTION OVER JAPAN WOULD PUT AN END TO THE PACIFIC WAR ADVANTAGEOUSLY. THE TARGETS FOR THE DROPPING HAD BEEN NARROWED DOWN TO FOUR CITIES - KOKURA, HIROSHIMA, KYOTO AND NIIGATA - AND PREPARATIONS WENT ON SMOOTHLY.
NIIGATA
HIROSHIMA
KOKURA
KYOTO


WHEN'S THE WAR GOING TO BE OVER GEN? WE'VE HAD ENOUGH...


ROARRR
WHEE
WHEE
BLAM
AAAA
AAAAGH


MAMA-
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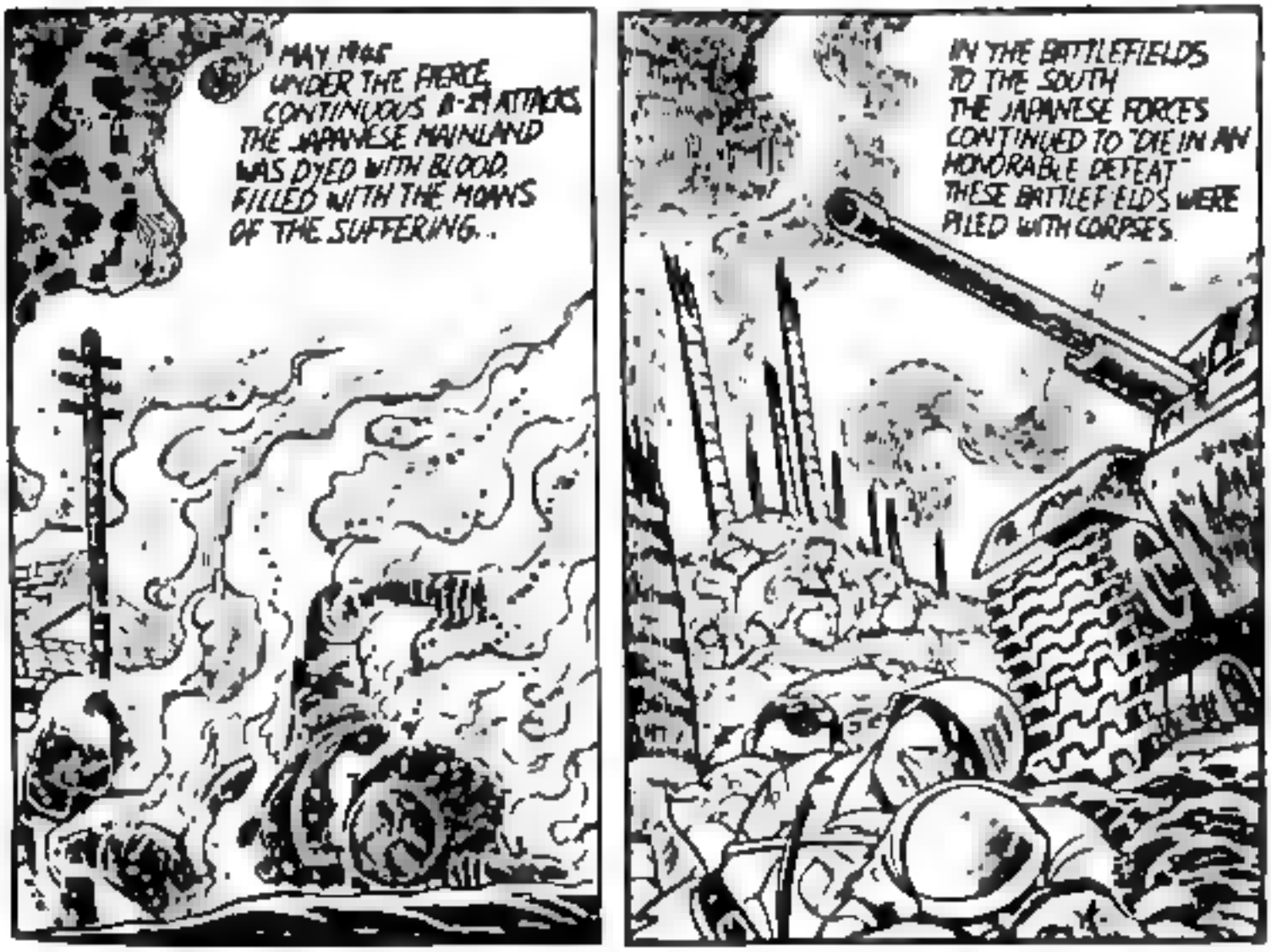
IT'S AN INCENDIARY BOMB!
AAAAA HELP!! HELP!!
ACH!
MAMA- I'M BURNING UP!


MAY 1945 UNDER THE FIERCE, CONTINUOUS B-29 ATTACKS, THE JAPANESE MAINLAND WAS DYED WITH BLOOD, FILLED WITH THE MOANS OF THE SUFFERING...
IN THE BATTLEFIELDS TO THE SOUTH THE JAPANESE FORCES CONTINUED TO "DIE IN AN HONORABLE DEFEAT." THESE BATTLEFIELDS WERE PILED WITH CORPSES.

PEOPLE OF JAPAN... THE BATTLE IS OVER SURRENDER PEACEFULLY

DAMN- THE YANKEES ARE HERE THIS IS IT

ARE YOU ALL PREPARED?

I'LL GO FIRST I'LL MEET YOU IN HEAVEN

BANZAI!! LONG LIVE THE EMPEROR

LONG LIVE THE GREAT JAPANESE EMPIRE!

COME, HIROKO WE'RE GOING TO DIE TOGETHER

WAAAH! NOOOO!! I DON'T WANNA

COME ON, NOW.. IF THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS GET YOU, THEY'RE GOING TO DO TERRIBLE THINGS TO YOU..

WAAAH! I DON'T WANNA DIE.. WAAAH!

NOOOO..

FORGIVE ME, HIROKO..

BANZAI! LONG LIVE THE EMPEROR!

WAR EDUCATION TAUGHT THE JAPANESE THAT DYING FOR THE EMPEROR WAS HONORABLE. THIS MADE IT EASIER FOR THE JAPANESE PEOPLE TO GIVE UP THEIR LIVES.

SPURRED BY A FERVENT BELIEF IN THE VICTORY OF JAPAN, JAPANESE LIVES SCATTERED OVER LAND, SEA AND AIR.

"DEAD BODIES IN THE WATER ACROSS THE SEA
DEAD BODIES IN THE FIELD OVER THE MOUNTAIN
MY DEATH IS MEANT ONLY FOR THE EMPEROR
I SHALL NOT LOOK BACK AGAIN"

APRIL 1945
AMERICAN FORCES LANDED ON OKINAWA THE LAST STRONGHOLD OF JAPAN
FIERCE FIGHTING ENGULFED THE CITIZENS OF OKINAWA ALMOST TO TOTAL DESTRUCTION

EVEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WERE HUNTED OUT TO JOIN THE SPECIAL ATTACK CORPS - YOUNG LIVES PLUNGED WITH THEIR FIGHTER PLANES INTO ENEMY CRAFT AND SCATTERED IN THE OKINAWAN SEAS

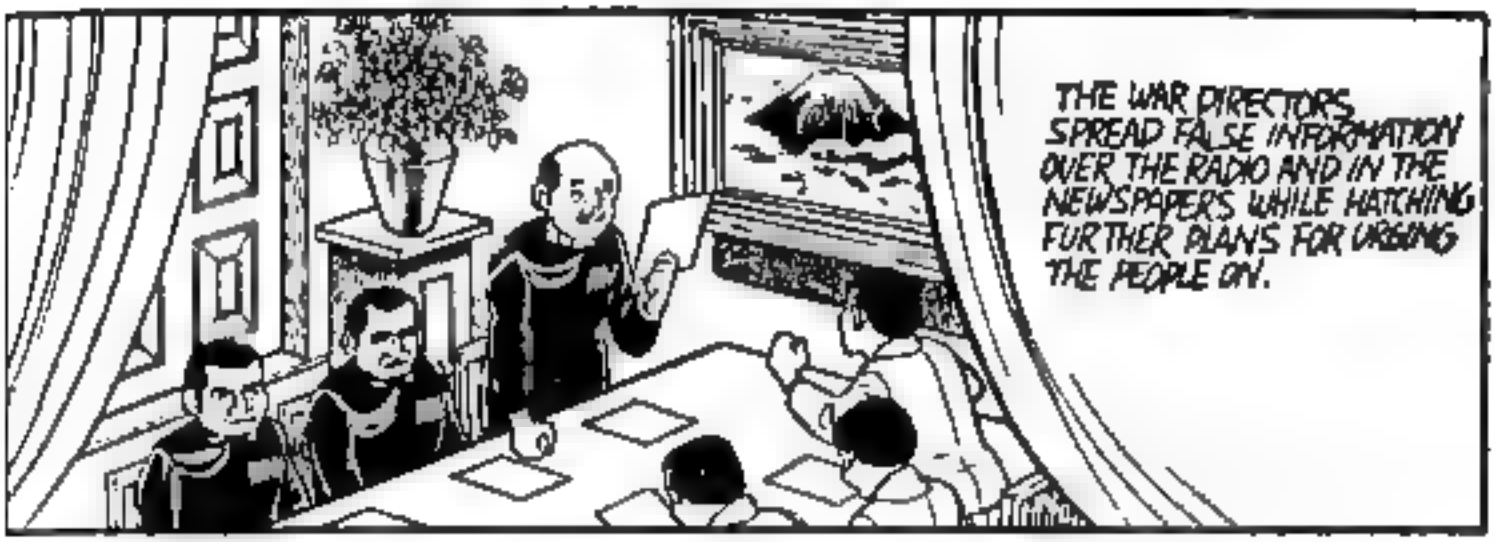
BY THIS TIME THE LIVES OF ALL THE JAPANESE WERE HANGING BY A THREAD. BUT CLINGING TO THE WAR MOTTO, "WE JAPANESE WILL FIGHT TO THE LAST MAN", THE DIRECTORS OF THE WAR WOULD NOT PUT AN END TO THE FIGHTING

SIGNS: "THE ENEMY IS DESPERATE! PREPARE FOR THE MAINLAND BATTLE! TOTAL DEFEAT TO AMERICAN DEVILS AND BRITISH FIENDS!"

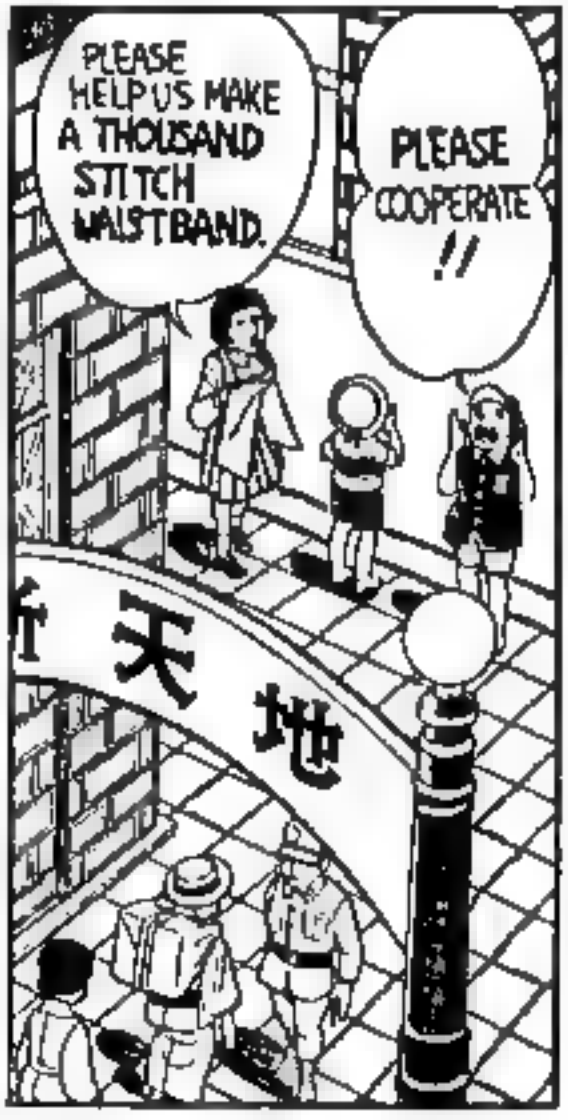
AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE NAVY HEADQUARTERS
THE GREAT JAPANESE IMPERIAL NAVY BEFORE DAYBREAK TODAY, DESTROYED TEN ENEMY CRUISERS, FIVE HEAVY CRUISERS, AND 140 ENEMY PLANES

BANZAI! WOW, THE NAVY'S REAL STRONG!

AT THIS RATE, JAPAN'S SURE TO WIN THE WAR!


THE WAR DIRECTORS SPREAD FALSE INFORMATION OVER THE RADIO AND IN THE NEWSPAPERS WHILE HATCHING FURTHER PLANS FOR URGING THE PEOPLE ON.

IT WAS THE CITIZENS WHO WERE MADE FOOLS OF. THEY WERE THE ONES WHO HAD TO RUN AND HIDE IT WAS THEIR LIVES THAT WERE EXPOSED TO BOMBS EACH AND EVERY DAY


PLEASE HELP US MAKE A THOUSAND STITCH WAISTBAND.
PLEASE COOPERATE !!

MAAM. WILL YOU COOPERATE?
YES, OF COURSE

WHO'S GOING TO WAR?
MY BIG BROTHER IS.

HAVE HIM FIGHT COURAGEOUSLY ...

HERE YOU ARE.
THANK YOU, MAAM.

SIS, HOW MANY MORE STITCHES DO WE NEED?
FIFTEEN MORE .. THEN WE'LL HAVE ONE THOUSAND

JUST A FEW MORE, SHINJI.

YEAH

BUT ISN'T IT A WEIRD SUPERSTITION THAT THIS WAIST BAND WITH A THOUSAND STITCHES'LL KEEP THE ENEMY'S BULLETS AWAY?

EVEN IF IT'S A SUPERSTITION, BELIEVE IN IT YOU DON'T WANT KOJI TO DIE, DO YOU?

THAT'S RIGHT. IF YOU BELIEVE STRONGLY ENOUGH, IT'LL COME TRUE WE'LL BELIEVE IN IT

PLEASE COOPERATE

PLEASE COOPERATE

PLEASE COOPERATE FOR A THOUSAND STITCH WAISTBAND

KOJI, WHEN YOU'RE IN THE NAVAL AIR FLEET, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

Y YES

IT'S TIME TO GO.

I'M GOING, FATHER.

GO AHEAD YOU'RE NO SON OF MINE GO GET YOURSELF KILLED IN THE BATTLEFIELD

JOINING THE PREPARATORY TRAINING COURSE. YOU DONT EVEN CARE HOW I FEEL

THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE, DEAR YOU COULD AT LEAST GIVE KOJI SOME KIND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

FATHER, PLEASE FORGIVE MY SELFISHNESS.

SHUT UP. HURRY UP AND GO

PLEASE SEE HIM OFF, DEAR.

DON'T BOTHER ME! I'M NOT GOING TO SEE HIM OFF

FATHER, I'LL TRY MY BEST SO THAT EVERYBODY WILL STOP SAYING THAT YOU'RE A TRAITOR

LET'S GO THE TRAIN W.LL BE LEAVING.

GOOD BYE, FATHER

HUFF, PUFF, JUST IN TIME.

WHAT IS THAT?

HERE

IT'S A THOUSAND ST.TCH WAISTBAND. WE WERE HAVING PEOPLE SEW .T ALL MORNING.

TH. THANK YOU, EIKO, GEN, SHINJI.

DON'T DIE, KOJI

WHO'S GOING TO DIE?

OKAY, SHINJI, LET'S GET TO IT

YEP

CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG

HELP! FIRE! HELP!!

CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG

FIRE, FIRE!!!

GEN, SHINJI, WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING? STOP IT!

CLANG CLANG

FIRE! FIRE!!

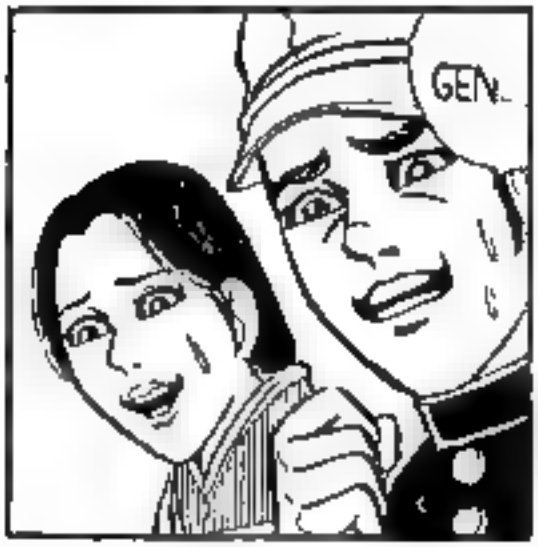
TROMP TROMP TROMP TROMP

WHERE IS IT?
WHERE'S THE FIRE?

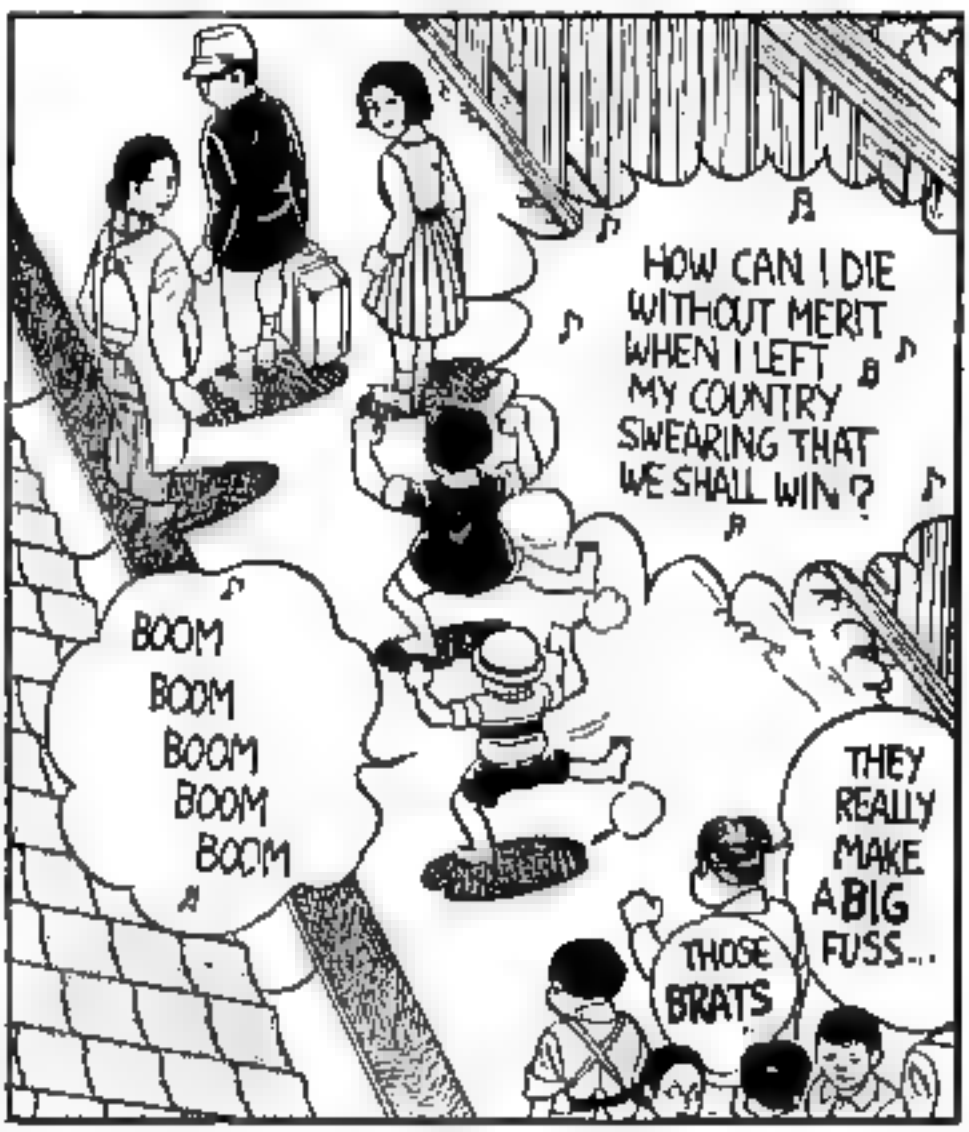
WHERE'S THE FIRE?
HA HA HA. HERE THEY ARE

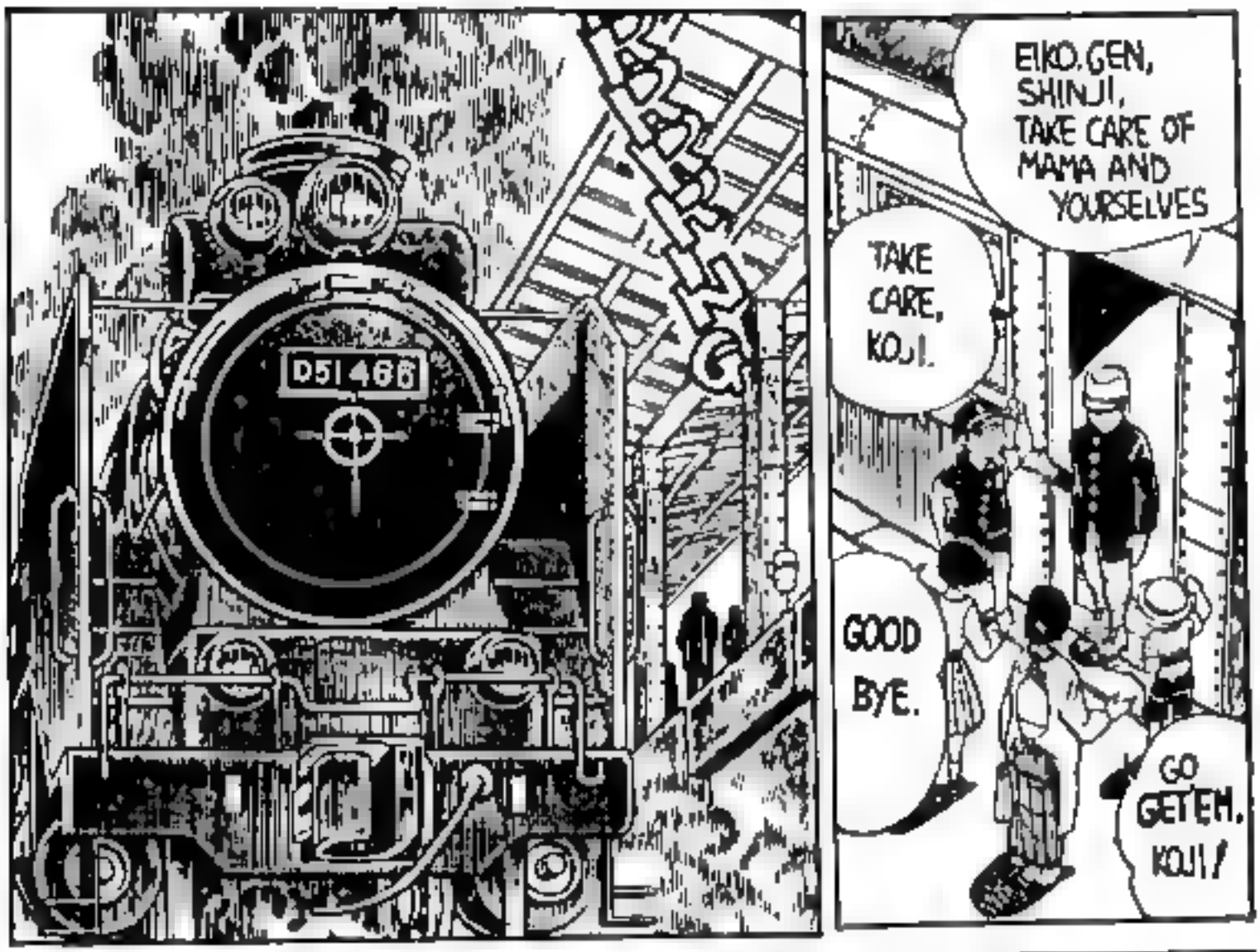
SUCKERS! THERE'S NO FIRE.
YOU BRAT. YOU FOOLED US?

ALRIGHT YOU PEOPLE, LOOK CAREFULLY. OUR BIG BROTHER, KOJI..S GOING TO WAR
I DARE YOU TO SAY WE'RE TRAITORS FROM NOW ON!


GEN.

YOU TWO ARE SO SILLY..
HEE HEE HEE, I FEEL GREAT, MAMA.


HOW CAN I DIE WITHOUT MERIT WHEN I LEFT MY COUNTRY SWEARING THAT WE SHALL WIN?
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM
THOSE BRATS
THEY REALLY MAKE A BIG FUSS...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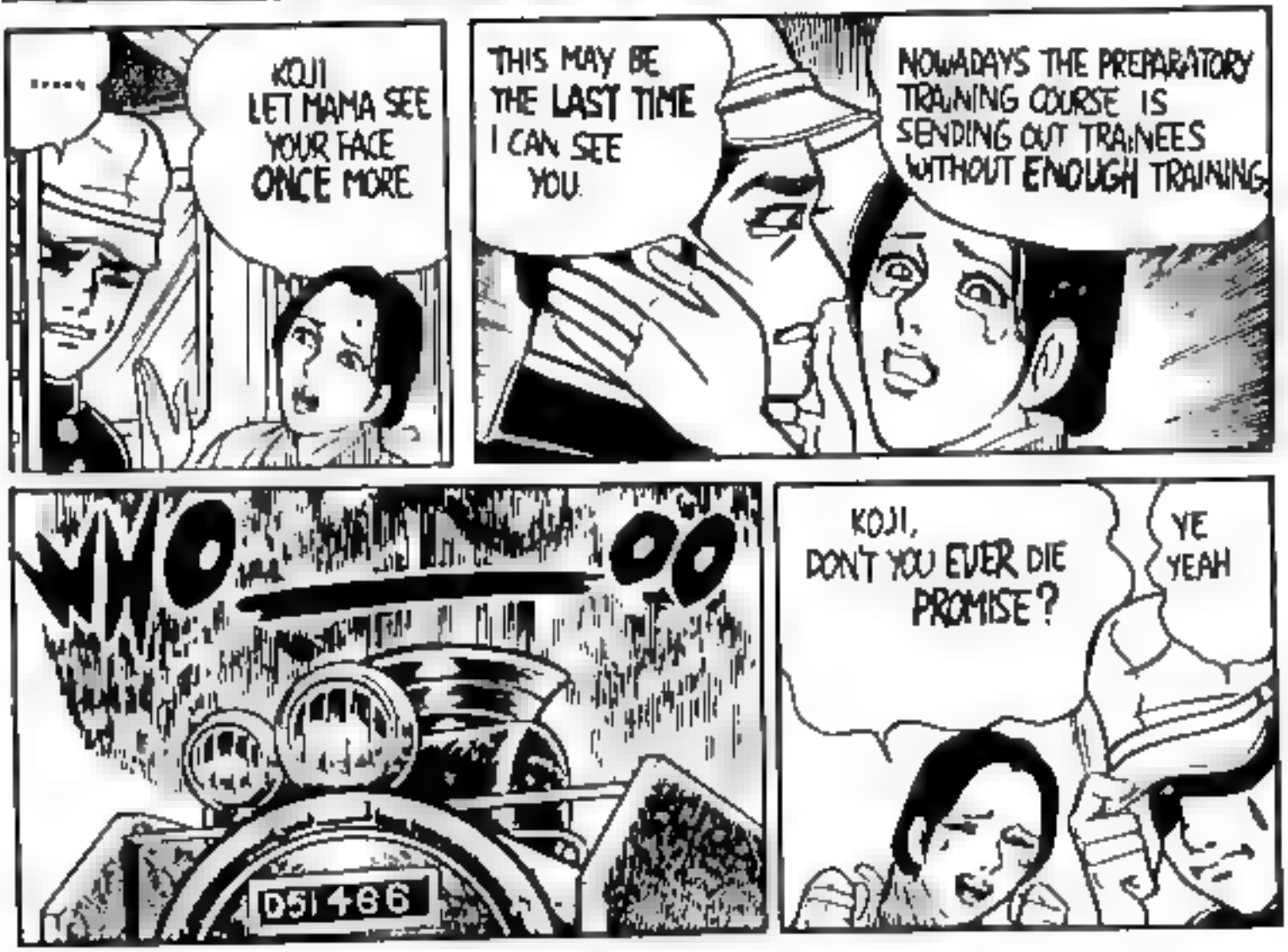
EIKO. GEN, SHINJI, TAKE CARE OF MAMA AND YOURSELVES
TAKE CARE, KOJI.
GOOD BYE.
GO GET EM, KOJI!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KOJI LET MAMA SEE YOUR FACE ONCE MORE
THIS MAY BE THE LAST TIME I CAN SEE YOU.
NOWADAYS THE PREPARATORY TRAINING COURSE IS SENDING OUT TRAINEES WITHOUT ENOUGH TRAINING.
WHOO
D51 466
KOJI, DON'T YOU EVER DIE PROMISE?
YE YEAH

CREEEAK
KOJI !!!
G...GOOD BYE I WISH FATHER HAD FORGUEN ME
BANZAI, KOJI !!!
HURRAH FOR KOJI!
SEE YOU, EIKO. GEN. SHINJI .
WHOOOO
BYE-BYE, KOJI!
BYE-BYE, KOJI
HE'S GONE IF ONLY THEY WOULDN'T HAVE CALLED US TRAITORS, HE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO.

CHUG CHUG CHUG

"" SNIFF SNIFF

!

CHUG CHUG CHUG

PA. PAPA...

HURRAH FOR KOJI NAKAOKA !!

HURRAH FOR KOJI NAKAOKA !!!

PAPA !!!

PAPA!! THANK YOU.

HURRAH FOR KOJI NAKAOKA !!

WHOOO-OOO!

BANZAI!! HURRAH FOR KOJI NAKAOKA!

WHOOO...

THE FORMER INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION BUREAU BUILDING. THE PRESENT "ATOMIC DOME".

I'M HUNGRY! I'M HUUUUNGRY

WE ARE THE INCOMPARABLY BRAVE AND FAITHFUL SOLDIERS. WE ARE THE HAND OF HEAVEN, STRIKING AT INJUSTICE

TRAMP TRAMP

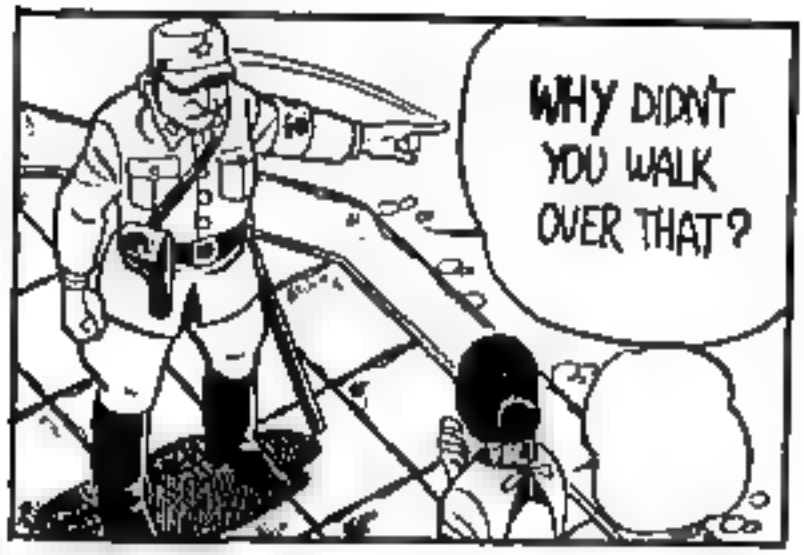
MAMA! THOSE SOLDIERS ARE GOING OFF TO THE FRONT, AREN'T THEY?

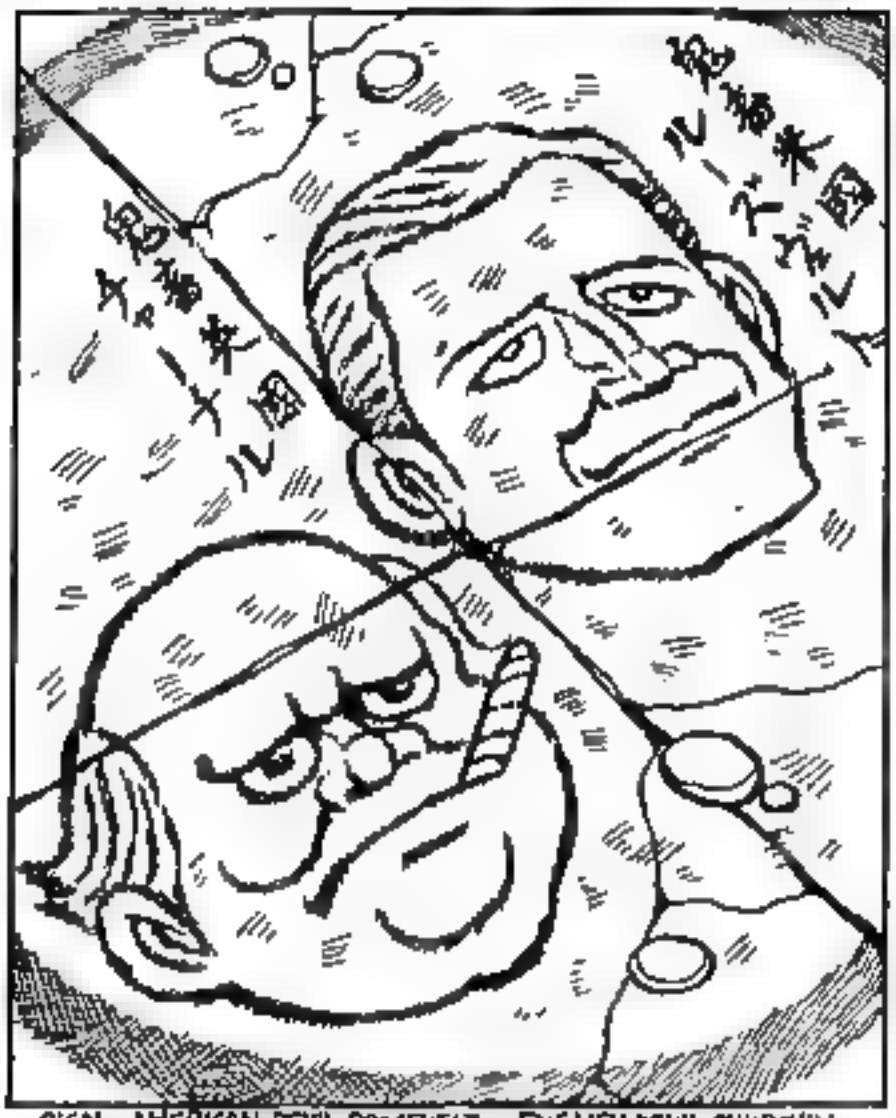
I WONDER HOW MANY OF THEM WILL COME BACK ALIVE?

KOJI AS WELL...

WELL, COME ON. LET'S GET HOME AND GET TO WORK

I JUST CAN'T BEAR TO THINK OF KOJI...





SIGN AMERICAN DEVIL ROOSEVELT— ENGLISH DEVIL CHURCHILL

STUPID OLD PISS-POT!

NO-GOOD PIG! NO-GOOD PIG!

TAKE THAT!

IN THE FUTURE DON'T FORGET TO SHOW YOUR HATRED FOR THE ENEMY DEVILS.

Y... YESSIR

ISN'T IT A SHAME THAT THEY THINK THE WAR CAN BE WON BY TRAMPLING ON SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

101, 102, 103.

104, 105, 106, 107.

....

108, 109,

110!

I'M DONE NOW GEN IT'S YOUR TURN!

THAT'S ENOUGH THE RICE HULLS ARE ALL OFF ALREADY
YOU'RE CHEATING! MAMA SAID IF WE DON'T GET MORE OF THE HULLS OFF, THE RICE WON'T SWELL UP WHEN SHE COOKS IT YOU HAVE TO DO IT TOO!

HEY, THERE'S A GRAIN OF RICE THAT DROPPED

WHAM

HEY! I FOUND THAT! YOU GIVE IT BACK!
DUMMY I SAW IT FIRST.

WE-E-ELL, DOWN THE HATCH
GIVE IT BACK

CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH

MMMM IT'S GOOD! THE MORE YOU CHEW IT THE BETTER IT GETS!
WAAAA! GEN TOOK MY RICE!

THIS IS ONE WHOLE WEEK'S WORTH OF RICE. YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE EVEN ONE GRAIN JUST FOR YOURSELF.

WAAA! GEN'S A THIEF! GEN'S A THIEF!
I'M HUNGRY. IF I COULD EAT ALL THIS RICE, I COULD DIE HAPPY...

RATTLE RATTLE

MAMA! SOMEONE'S HERE

WHO IS IT?

RATTLE RATTLE

WHO?

A THIEF?

DUMMY! THERE'S NOTHING IN OUR HOUSE FOR A THIEF TO TAKE!

I'LL GET IT

CREAK

ACK!

M..MAMA!

AKIRA! WHAT HAPPENED?!

AKIRA! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE AT THE GROUP EVACUATION IN THE COUNTRY! WHAT

THUD

TWEET TWEET

NAMU AMIDA BUTSU ALL PRAISE BE TO AMIDA BUDDHA

BONG

ALL PRAISE BE TO AMIDA BUDDHA

ALL PRAISE BE TO AMIDA BUDDHA

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ALL PRAISE BE TO AMIDA BUDDHA

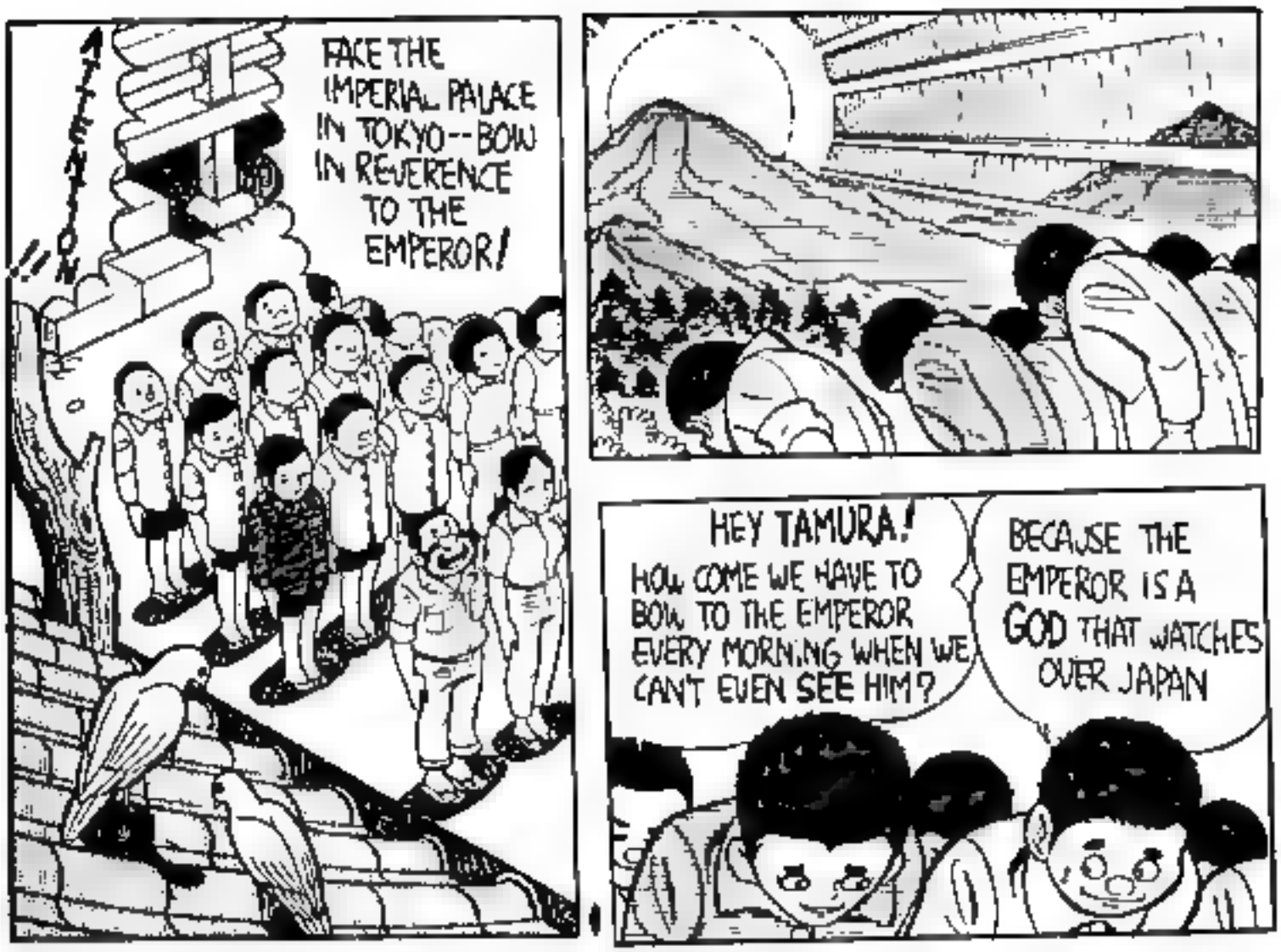
GEE, I'M SLEEPY WE'VE BEEN HERE SINCE EARLY MORNING

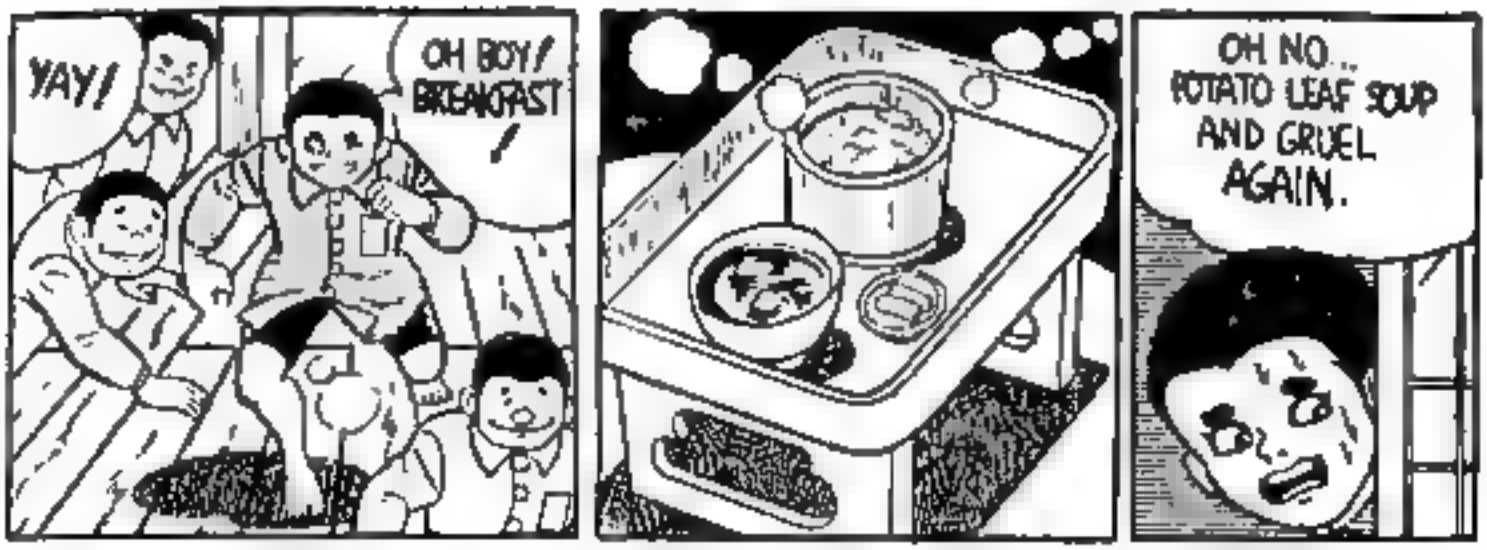
WHEW! IT'S OVER AT LAST! OW. OW. OW MY FEET ARE ASLEEP

OKAY. EVERYONE OUT IN THE YARD AND LINE UP

UH, YESSIR

TRAMP TRAMP

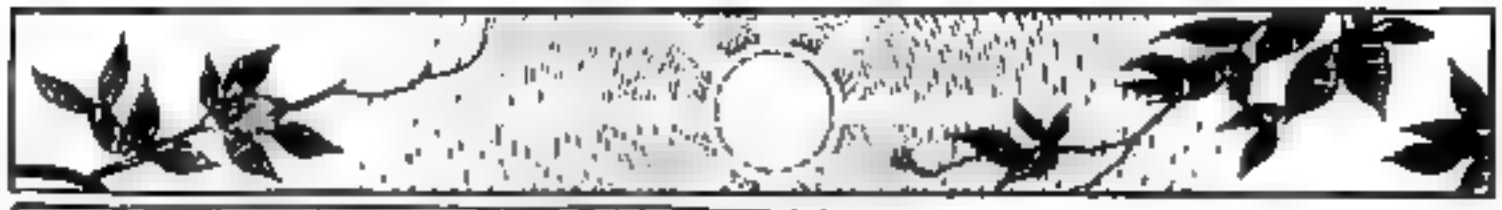

FACE THE IMPERIAL PALACE IN TOKYO--BOW IN REVERENCE TO THE EMPEROR!
!! ATTENTION
HEY TAMURA! HOW COME WE HAVE TO BOW TO THE EMPEROR EVERY MORNING WHEN WE CAN'T EVEN SEE HIM?
BECAUSE THE EMPEROR IS A GOD THAT WATCHES OVER JAPAN
THAT'S FUNNY IF HE'S WATCHING OVER JAPAN HOW COME WE KEEP GETTING BOMBED BY AMERICA?
STUPID! HOW COULD I KNOW? YOU JUST HAVE TO BELIEVE IN THE EMPEROR. THAT'S ALL
LEFT FACE!! FACE HIROSHIMA --MORNING SALUTE!
GOOD MORNING, FATHER! GOOD MORNING, MOTHER!
WE ARE ALL IN GOOD HEALTH TODAY AND ARE WORKING HARD TO BECOME STRONG CHILDREN OF JAPAN!

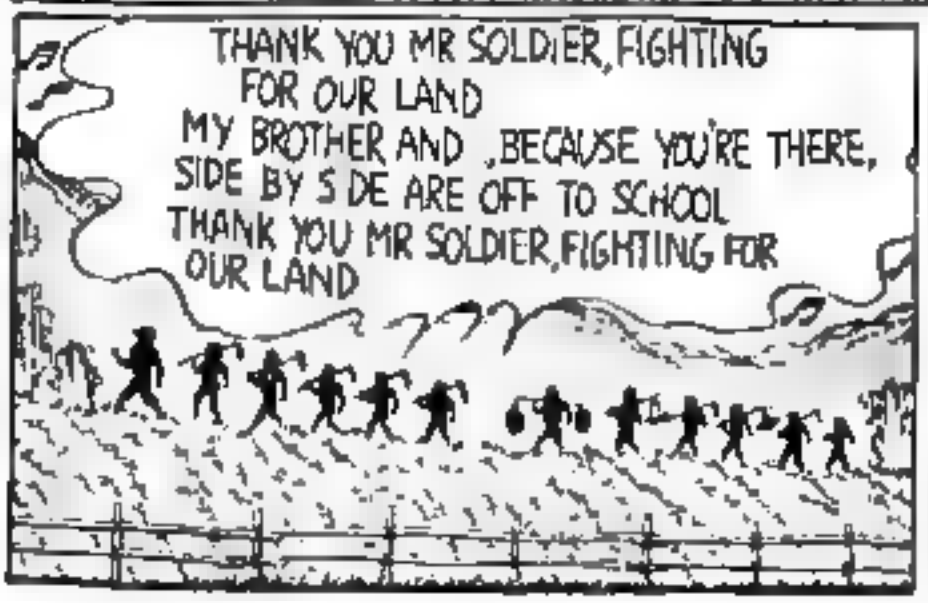

YAY!
OH BOY! BREAKFAST!
OH NO... POTATO LEAF SOUP AND GRUEL AGAIN.

ALRIGHT NOW, LETS GIVE THANKS TO THE EMPEROR, THEN WE'LL EAT
SIGH. I WISH I COULD EAT ENOUGH TO GET FULL JUST ONCE.

I THOUGHT WHEN WE CAME OUT HERE TO THE COUNTRY THERE'D BE PLENTY TO EAT...

LOOK! THE TEACHERS GET TO EAT WHITE RICE ALL THEY WANT, TOO!
OH MAN, TEACHERS ARE SURE LUCKY...




THANK YOU MR SOLDIER, FIGHTING FOR OUR LAND
MY BROTHER AND , BECAUSE YOU'RE THERE,
SIDE BY SIDE ARE OFF TO SCHOOL
THANK YOU MR SOLDIER, FIGHTING FOR OUR LAND

BEGIN WORK

OKAY NOW THIS FIELD IS OUR FOOD SUPPLY. SO TREAT IT WITH RESPECT AND WORK HARD, OKAY?

YES MR. KISHI

YES MR. KISHI

HUFF HUFF

NO STUDYING, ALL WE DO IS WORK IN THE FIELDS ALL DAY THIS IS NO FUN.

HEY, TAMURA! THIS POTATO IS PRETTY BIG ALREADY. LET'S PULL IT UP AND EAT IT!

STUPID! YOU'LL GET IT IF THE TEACHER SEES YOU!

WHO CARES? THE TEACHERS EAT GOOD FOOD WHEN WE'RE NOT LOOKING!

I'M HUNGRY AND I JUST CAN'T STAND IT.

ME NEITHER

LET'S DO IT!

OKAY!

THEY'RE STILL JUST TINY!

IT'S OKAY. IT'S OKAY--WE CAN EAT 'EM ANYWAY.

MMMM!

CHOMP CHOMP

GOOD!

CHOMP CHOMP

OOPS
...
WELL, LOOK THERE. YOU GOT YOURSELVES SOME POTATOES DIDN'T YOU?
TEACHER! W WE'RE SORRY! WE WERE HUNGRY...
IDIOTS!! DO YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THIS FIELD IS?
UHHH ...
TAKE THAT! JAPANESE BOYS SHOULD KNOW BETTER!
THINK OF THE SOLDIERS ON THE BATTLEFIELDS DRINKING MUDDY WATER AND CHEWING ON GRASS. BUT FIGHTING THE ENEMY ALL THE SAME! THEN ARE YOU HUNGRY? ARENT YOU ASHAMED? YOU, THE EMPEROR'S OWN CHILDREN!
OOOOH ...
WHAT ARE TWO COWARDS LIKE YOU GOING TO DO WHEN YOU GROW UP AND BECOME SOLDIERS OF IMPERIAL JAPAN?
FOOL !!!

MR. KISHI. PLEASE DON'T BE TOO HARD ON THE BOYS. THEY AREN'T GETTING ENOUGH TO EAT.

YOU CAN'T BE SWEET AND LENIENT, MISS OSATO. IT MAY BE TOUGH, BUT THEY'VE GOT TO BECOME STRONG CHILDREN OF THE JAPANESE EMPIRE

BUT...

YOU TWO GO BACK TO THE TEMPLE AND THINK THINGS OVER

YOU'LL GET A GOOD LICKING LATER.

SIGH

SIGH

NAKAOKA. I SURE WISH I'D NEVER COME HERE TO THE EVACUATION

YEAH I'D LIKE TO GO HOME TO HIROSHIMA.

AAAH! OW! I GOT AN ITCH!

ME TOO!

STUPID LICE! MAKES ME MAD!

YEAH

FLIP

SCRATCH SCRATCH

BLASTED LICE AND FLEAS EVERYWHERE!

THEY'RE EVERYWHERE

IT'S BECAUSE WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A CHANCE TO CHANGE OUR CLOTHES SO THE LICE JUST KEEP ON MULTIPLYING.

SCRATCH SCRATCH

WE'RE LUCKY, THOUGH THE GIRLS GET THEM IN THEIR HAIR!

SCRATCH SCRATCH

SCRATCH SCRATCH

THESE SORES ITCH TOO.

THEY SAY THE SORES ARE FROM MALNUTRITION, TAMURA.

IT'S 'CAUSE WE NEVER GET ENOUGH TO EAT

THAT'S FOR SURE

ZIP ZIP

GAAAA...

YOU NO-GOOD TOWN EVACJEE KIDS!

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOURE DOING HERE?

YEAH !!

YOU THINK WERE GOING TO JUST LET YOU DO AS YOU PLEASE AROUND HERE? WELL YOU'VE GOT ANOTHER THINK COMIN'. GET 'EM!

WHAM

DIRTY EVACUEE !!

WHAP

DIRTY OUTSIDER !!

S-STOP

C'MON! LETS FIX HIM!

TAKE THAT YA LITTLE BUM!

DON'T THINK YOU CAN GO WANDERING ALL OVER OUR VILLAGE!

GET BACK WHERE YOU BELONG!

OOOOH

OOOOH

OOOH!

HO HO HO

HA HA HA HA

BASTARDS! NO GOOD FARMERS! THEY'RE ALWAYS PICKING ON US AND CALLING US "EVACUEES"

NAKAOKA, I CAN'T STAND IT AROUND HERE ANYMORE!

ME NEITHER

I FEEL LIKE GOING BACK TO HIROSHIMA. PAPA AND MAMA AND GEN AND SHINJI AND EIKO ARE ALL THERE

IF THERE WASN'T A WAR ON WE NEVER WOULD'VE HAD TO COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS...

WAAAA! I WANNA GO HOME TO HIROSHIMA!!

WAAAA! PAPA! MAMA!

WAAAA! WAAAA! WAAAA!

THE HELL WITH IT! I'M TAKING OFF FOR HIROSHIMA RIGHT NOW!

ME TOO! I'M GOING TOO!

WOW! RUN, TAMURA

HEY! STOP! THIEVES !!

THUD THUD

CHOMP CHOMP

PUFF PUFF

I CAN'T WALK ANY MORE I'M GOING TO DIE

: HUFF. PUFF : COME ON TAMURA. WE'RE ALMOST TO HIROSHIMA!

WAAAA! COME ON TAMURA, COME O-O -O-ON!

OOOOOH I CAN'T I CAN'T

WHY'S AKIRA CRYING? IS HE DREAMING?

WAAAA! WAAAA!

YAY! AKIRA'S COME TO!

PAPA! MAMA! BROTHER AKIRA WOKE UP!

WOW.AKIRA! YOU WALKED MORE THAN THIRTY MILES BACK FROM THE EVACUAT.ON!
YOU PASSED OUT AND SLEPT ALL DAY!

GEN-SHINJI
I-I'M HOME. HOME .N H.ROSHIMA

P_PAPA MAMA.
AKIRA!

M.SS OSATO CAME AND TOLD US ALL ABOUT IT WHY DID YOU DO SUCH A FOOL.SH THING?
TOMORROW YOU'VE GOT TO GO BACK ALONG W.TH YOUNG TAMURA.

SLAP

FATHER! MOTHER! PLEASE! I'LL BE A GOOD BOY!
I'LL BE GOOD SO PLEASE LET ME STAY HOME! PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME GO BACK!

THAT'S ALL I ASK, PLEASE!

A-AKIRA

?

AKIRA, DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? IT'S DIFFICULT FOR EVERYONE! WHAT IF A BOMB FELL HERE AND KILLED US ALL? AT LEAST WE COULD SAVE YOU.

PLEASE! PLEASE! I HATE THE EVACUATION!

CHUCKLE CHUCKLE

IT'S HARD, BUT YOU MUST GO BACK.

AKIRA WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?

HEH-HEH-HEH PAPA AND MAMA, YOU SURE HATE ME!

EVERYONE'S EATING THEIR FILL OF RICE. BUT WHEN I COME BACK THERE'S LESS FOOD TO GO AROUND SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SENDING ME BACK TO THE COUNTRY!

GEN! SHINJI! YOU GUYS THINK IT'D BE BETTER IF I DIE, DON'T YOU?

AKIRA! WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

ALL YOU THINK ABOUT IS YOUR STOMACHS AND YOU JUST WANT TO GET RID OF ME

A-AKIRA!

HAHAHAHA, WELL I GET IT I'M GOING I'M GOING BACK TO THE COUNTRY!

W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

HUH? STOP IT! QUIT FAKING THOSE TEARS!

S-SOB

OOOOH, YOU FRIGHTEN ME AKIRA, YOU JE CHANGED YOU'VE BEEN CORRUPTED. YOU WERE NEVER LIKE THIS.

YUP IT'S CORRUPTION ALRIGHT THE TEACHERS ARE CORRUPTED TOO... ALWAYS DOING THINGS FOR THEIR OWN ADVANTAGE BEHIND OUR BACKS

BEFORE YOU WENT TO THE EVACUATION YOU WERE A GOOD, HONEST BOY

WHAP

CLUNK CLUNK

PAPA! NOW YOU'RE BEATING ME TOO?

GO AHEAD, HIT ME! SEE IF I CARE! THE TEACHERS AND THE FARMERS, THEY BEAT ME TOO!

WHAP WHAP

Y-YOU IDIOT! YOU

YOU SAY WE HATE YOU?!

I LOVE ALL MY CHILDREN! ALL OF THEM!

YOU UNDERSTAND? YOU UNDERSTAND AKIRA?

OOOH

DAMN WAR. IT EVEN MESSES UP KIDS LIKE THIS ..

KIMIE! TAKE THIS WEEK'S WORTH OF RICE AND COOK IT FOR AKIRA! WE'LL MAKE DO SOMEHOW LATER

OH NO! THERE WON'T BE ANY RICE LEFT FOR US!

STUPID! IT'S FOR AKIRA SO JUST SHUT UP!

SIGH

SLOSH SLOSH

WAAA

WAAAA! I'M SORRY PAPA MAMA I'M SORRY!

I'M SORRY GEN AND SHINJI! I'LL GO BACK TO THE COUNTRY!

GEN! SHINJI!

WHERE IN THE WORLD DID THOSE TWO GO? THEY AREN'T EVEN HERE TO SEE AKIRA OFF

NOW AKIRA, YOU TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND NO MORE RUNNING AWAY

WE ALL LOVE YOU. PLEASE DON'T GO GETTING ANY MORE STRANGE IDEAS.

Y-YEAH

I'M SORRY THIS WHOLE THING CAUSED YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE MISS OSATO

THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

GOOD BYE AKIRA!

GULP

GOODBYE AKIRA AS SOON AS THE WAR'S OVER WE'LL COME GET YOU

THE SUN SETS RED HERE IN MANCHURIA FAR, FAR FROM HOME

OUR FATHER DIED IN THE WAR OUR MOTHER DIED OF ILLNESS. PLEASE TAKE PITY ON TWO POOR BROTHERS!

THANK YOU MA'AM.

GLINK

OH YOU POOR, POOR BOY..

THERE'S ALREADY 5 YEN IN HERE!

WOW BEGGING PAYS OFF BETTER THAN YOU'D THINK! SHALL WE QUIT NOW?

HEY! AKIRA!

GEN? SHINJI? IS THAT YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING ALL DRESSED UP LIKE BEGGARS?

HEH-HEH-HEH. WE THOUGHT WE'D GIVE THIS MONEY TO YOU...

GEN! SHINJI!

TAKE THIS MONEY AND GET SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT WE LOVE YOU AKIRA!

BUCK UP AKIRA! TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!

S-STUPID I GET THE PICTURE

BUT DON'T TELL PAPA WE WERE BEGGING OR HE'LL KILL US!

Y-YEAH, OKAY

WHEEE~

OH NO. AN AIRRAID! HURRY SHINJI, LET'S GET HOME!

COME ON AKIRA!

BYE, GEN! BYE, SHINJI! THANK YOU!

BYE, AKIRA!

AAAK!!! RAAA! GOODBYE TRIANGLE, SQUARE AS TOFU TOFU IS WHITE, AS WHITE AS A RABBIT. A RABBIT HOPS..

WHEEEE

HOPS LIKE A FROG A FROG IS GREEN, GREEN AS A BANANA. YOU PEEL A BANANA

WHE~E

HURRY UP, SHINJI!

HUP, HUP

GEN! ARE THERE AIRRAIDS WHERE KOJI IS TOO? AT THE NAVY AIR SQUADRON IN KAGOSHIMA?

OF COURSE, SILLY! THERE'S AIRRAIDS ALL OVER JAPAN!

THOSE B-29S ARE FLYING ALL OVER THE PLACE. THE JAPANESE AIR FORCE IS NO GOOD, HUH
I WONDER IF KOJI IS ALL RIGHT.
KAGOSHIMA
HMMMM. WHICH WAY IS THE AIR SQUADRON, I WONDER?
THERE WERE PEOPLE HOLDING HANDS THROUGH THE WINDOW OF THE TRAIN. BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET THE GIRL SOBBING IN THE CORNER ON THE PLATFORM ♪ DO-DO-DO-DA-DO ♪
UMMM, WHICH WAY IS THE AIR SQUADRON?
ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER FOR THE PREPARATORY DRILL COURSE?
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
UH, YESSIR I'M 17
HAH YOU THINK A SPRING CHICKEN LIKE YOU IS GOING TO BE ANY USE TO THE NAVY AIR SQUADRON? GO ON, BEAT IT! GO HOME, YOU FOOL!

I'M SUPPOSED TO JOIN THE SQUADRON TODAY.

HAH SO NO MATTER WHAT YOU'RE DETERMINED TO JOIN?

YOU WON'T GIVE IT UP?

N-NO... IT'S TOO LATE NOW..

B-BUT... BUT

OKAY THEN I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO FIX YOU UP SO YOU CAN'T JOIN YOU MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP THE IDEA

W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

STOP! PLEASE!

I'M GOING TO CUT OFF YOUR ARMS AND LEGS AND THEN IF YOU STILL WANT TO JOIN, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A HARD TIME DOING IT I'M GOING TO CHOP THEM RIGHT OFF

GRIN

H-HE'S C-CRAZY!

S-STOP, PLEASE!

GRIN!

HEY, SPRING CHICKEN! I'M GOING TO CHOP YOUR ARMS AND LEGS OFF SO YOU CAN'T JOIN!

SWISH

SLASH

HELP! A MADMAN!

SOMEBODY COME!

SLASH

AAAAH

:HK:

SOMEBODY COME! HELP, SOME ONE!

STOP IT, LIEUTENANT KUMAI! STOP!

PANT PANT

-LET ME GO, NAKAYAMA!

ARE YOU HASSLING VOLUNTEERS AGAIN?

OOOH

S-SORRY WHEN HE GETS DRUNK HE GETS PRETTY MEAN PERHAPS YOU COULD JUST OVERLOOK THIS

IS YOUR HAND CUT?

J-JUST A SCRATCH

COME ON OVER TO OUR FRIENDS PLACE AND I'LL FIX IT UP

YOU STUPID KID

HIC.

旅館佐野屋
ZZZZZ ZZZZ
UH, YEAH
NAKAYAMA! WHERE'S THE SAKE?

SIGN: INN

HEY! HEY! LANDLADY! HURRY UP WITH THE SAKE!
KUMA! DON'T ANNOY THE INNKEEPER!
HEY! LANDLADY!
HMPF HE'S A REAL BAD ONE ALL RIGHT HE GETS CRAZY WHEN HE'S DRUNK

IF YOU DON'T BRING THAT SAKE PRETTY QUICK, YOU'RE GONNA GET IT! I'M A MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL ATTACK CORPS! I'M ABOUT TO DIE AND BECOME A WAR HERO!
THE SPECIAL ATTACK CORPS?
ME TOO. IN FIVE DAYS ME AND KUMA! ARE GOING TO DIE RIDING A BOMB INTO AN ENEMY BATTLESHIP OFF OKINAWA.
IN FIVE DAYS?

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING. IT'S PRETTY HARD TO GET SAKE NOWADAYS I HAD TO ASK AROUND SPECIALLY FOR IT, BUT IT'S FOR YOU MR. NAKAYAMA. YOU'RE GOING TO DIE WITH THE SPECIAL ATTACK CORPS

THANKS, MA'AM

BE QUIET AND BRING IT HERE!

GULP GULP

AH, HELL. IN FIVE DAYS I WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO DRINK ANY MORE

HEY KID! COME ON! YOU DRINK TOO!

I-I CAN'T DRINK.

YOU WON'T DRINK THE SAKE OF A WAR HERO?

GO AHEAD AND DRINK HE WANTS TO DRINK WITH EVERYBODY SO HE CAN FORGET ABOUT DYING.

NO! NOT WITH A GUY LIKE THAT!

THERE'LL COME A TIME WHEN YOU'LL BE IN THE SAME POSITION AS ME AND KUMAI. AS LONG AS THE WAR GOES ON.

HEY KID! YOU'RE A BIG FOOL!!

IT REALLY BUGS ME, KIDS LIKE YOU SIGNING UP JUST SO YOU CAN DIE!

THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

PEOPLE ARE SUPPOSED TO DIE NATURALLY. OF OLD AGE!!

SLAM

B-BUT IT'S YOUNG GUYS LIKE US WITH A FUTURE WHO ARE GOING TO DIE!

HOW COME THE OLD GUYS WHO STARTED THE WAR AND GIVE ALL THE ORDERS GET TO STAY ALIVE? IT'S WRONG!

OKAY KUMAI. THAT'S ENOUGH

I-I DON'T WANT TO DIE! THERE'S STILL A LOT I WANT TO DO!

IF THE STUPID BASTARDS THAT STARTED THIS WAR WANT TO FIGHT, LET 'EM ALL GO OFF TO A DESERTED ISLAND SOMEWHERE AND HAVE AT IT!

I WANTED TO AT LEAST FINISH THE RESEARCH I LEFT BEHIND IN THE LAB AT THE UNIVERSITY BEFORE I DIE.

ME TOO, KUMAI

ON OCTOBER 2ND 1943, THEY FINALLY DRAFTED EVEN US UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND SENT US OFF TO WAR.

SPLASH SPLASH SPLASH

TRAMP TRAMP

HURRAH

ON OCTOBER 21 ST. STUDENTS FROM THE 77 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE TOKYO AREA GATHERED ON THE MEIJI SHRINE PARADE GROUND FOR A GIGANTIC SENDING-OFF CEREMONY

SPLASH SPLASH SPLASH

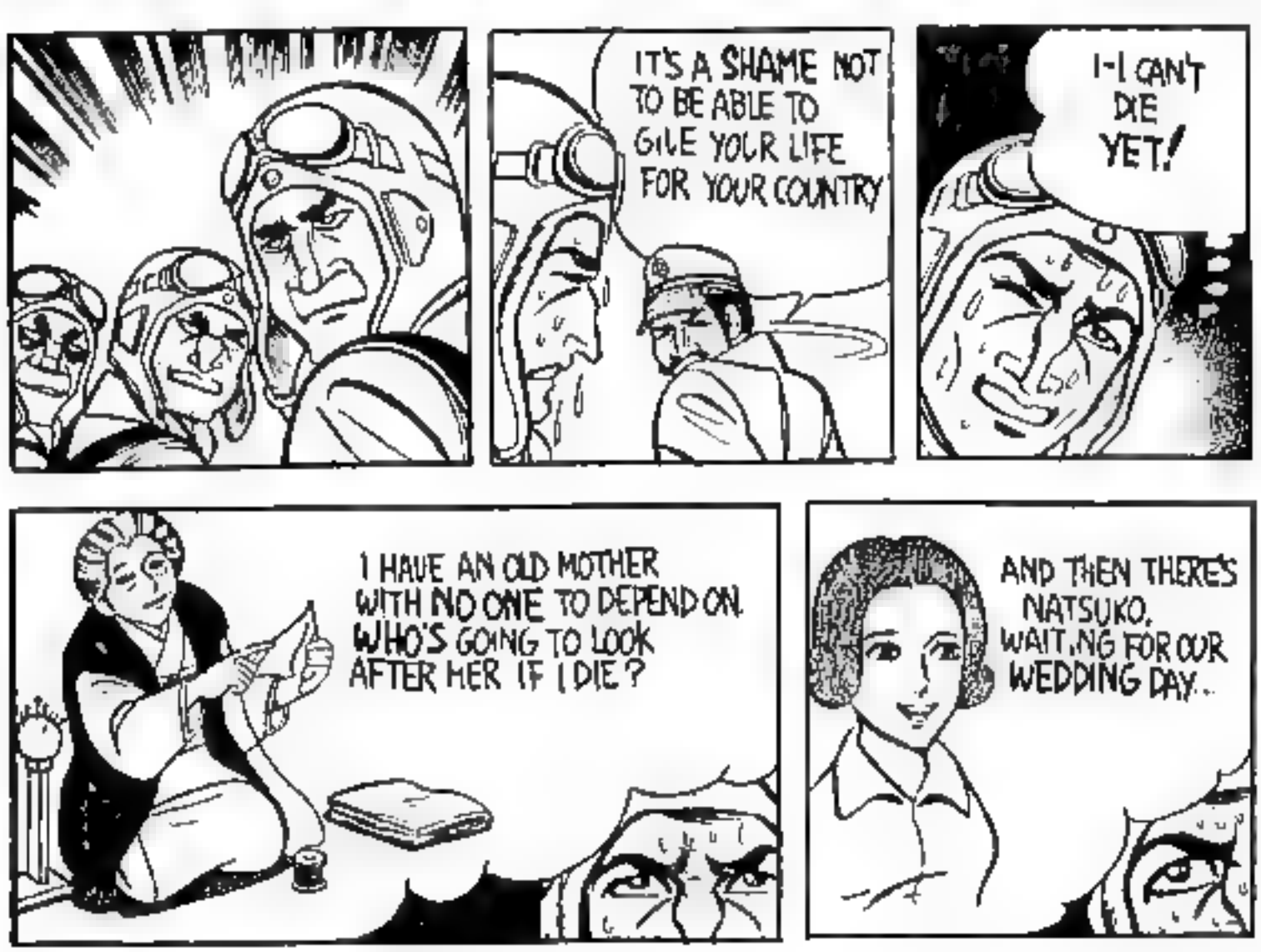
'TEN-SHUN!

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE KAMIKAZE SPECIAL ATTACK CORPS

THE WAR IS GETTING MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT WE ARE ASKING YOU MEN TO HELP TURN THE TIDE BY CARRYING BOMBS AND FLYING INTO ENEMY BATTLESHIPS

VOLUNTEERS STEP FORWARD!

WHA--?
..
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S JUST ONE STINKING COWARD IN THIS BATTALION.


IT'S A SHAME NOT TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOUR LIFE FOR YOUR COUNTRY
I-I CAN'T DIE YET!
I HAVE AN OLD MOTHER WITH NO ONE TO DEPEND ON. WHO'S GOING TO LOOK AFTER HER IF I DIE?
AND THEN THERE'S NATSUKO, WAITING FOR OUR WEDDING DAY..

I CAN'T DIE YET.
I DON'T WANT TO DIE YET!
MY MOTHER LIVES ONLY FOR THE JOY OF SEEING ME MARRIED, OF HOLDING HER GRANDCHILDREN IN HER LAP..

THIS IS VOLUNTARY, SO I WON'T FORCE YOU. BUT ITS PRETTY AWFUL TO THINK THAT A JAPANESE BOY
I THOUGHT THAT MY BATTALION WOULD VOLUNTEER TO THE LAST MAN.

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO LOOK YOUR COMRADES IN THE EYES. THEY'RE ALL GIVING UP THEIR LIVES TO DEFEND THEIR COUNTRY..

D-DA MNN NN.

LIEUTENANT KUMAI VOLUNTEERING FOR DUTY SIR!!

PLEASE FORGIVE ME MOTHER, NATSUKO.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I WANT TO LIVE, EVERYONE AROUND ME IS DETERMINED TO DIE AND I MUST GO TOO.

WHEN YOU CHOOSE A WIFE, BEAUTY, SENSE, AND SYMPATHY WHEN YOU CHOOSE A FRIEND, LEARNING, SPIRIT, AND CHIVALRY.

OOOOOH, MOTHER, FORGIVE ME!

NATSUKO, FORGIVE ME!

D-I-DI-DI-DI

DAH-DAH-DAH

DI-DI-DI-DI

無線室

SIGN RADIO ROOM

PILOT SAKATA REPORTING! PREPARING TO ATTACK ENEMY CRUISER!

GO TO IT!

ROAR

ROARR

BOOM

THE KAMIKAZE SPECIAL AIR ATTACK CORPS BEGAN OPERATIONS ON OCTOBER 25, 1944 WHEN 5 MEN OF THE SHIKISHIMA SQUADRON ATTACKED THE AMERICAN FLEET
FROM THAT TIME UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR MORE THAN 210 ATTACKS WERE CARRIED OUT. TAKING THE LIVES OF MORE THAN 2500 FLYING MEN.

HMMPH. THIRTY PLANES OF THE KAMIHANA SQUADRON AND THE KEMPU SQUADRON LOST AND NOT ONE SUCCESS!

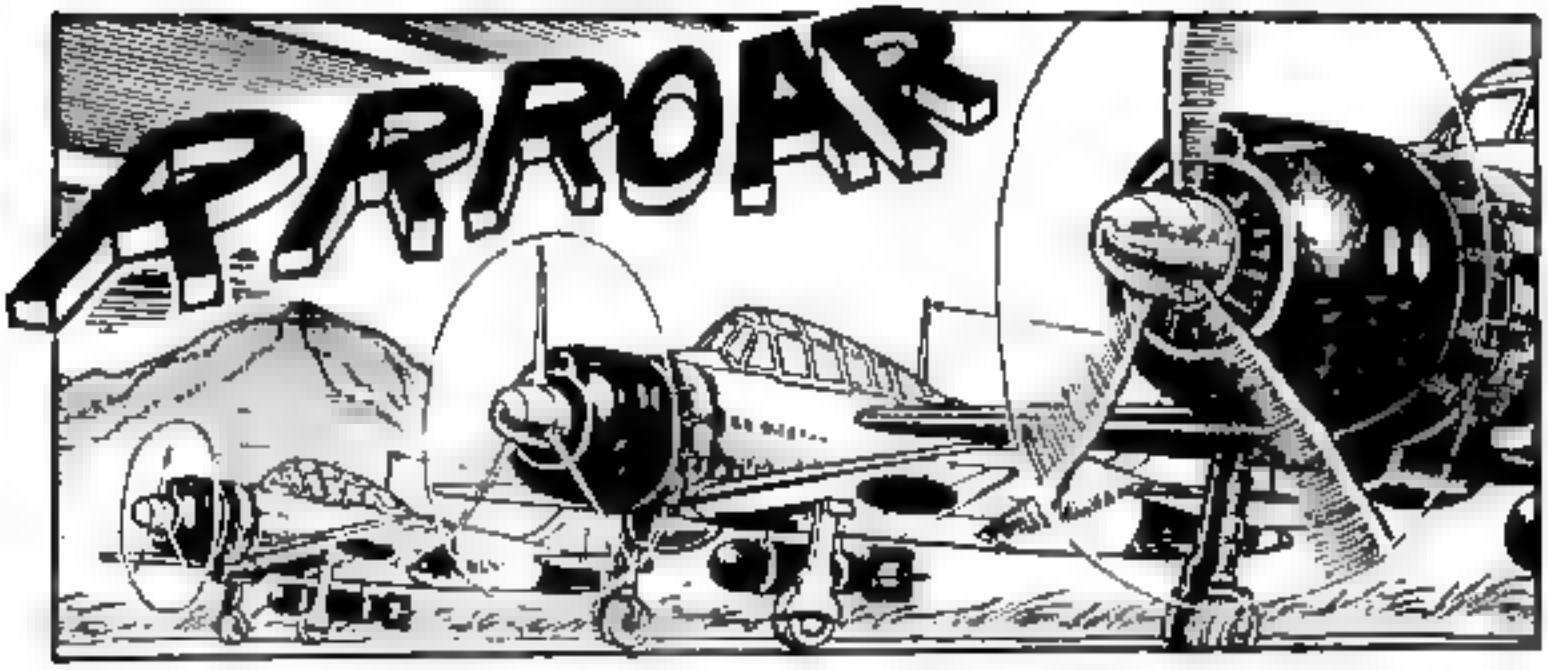
A ZERO AVERAGE! THEY'RE NOT TRYING!

I'LL BE HAPPY IF THE NEXT SQUADRONS OUT DO EVEN A LITTLE BETTER.

HA-HA-HA HA-HA-HA

IDIOTS! THE KAMIKAZE PLANES ARE GOING OFF ONE BY ONE, EACH CARRYING A MAN TO HIS DEATH!

ARE YOU JUST PLAYING GAMES? YOU THINK HUMAN BEINGS ARE JUST PARTS IN A MACHINE?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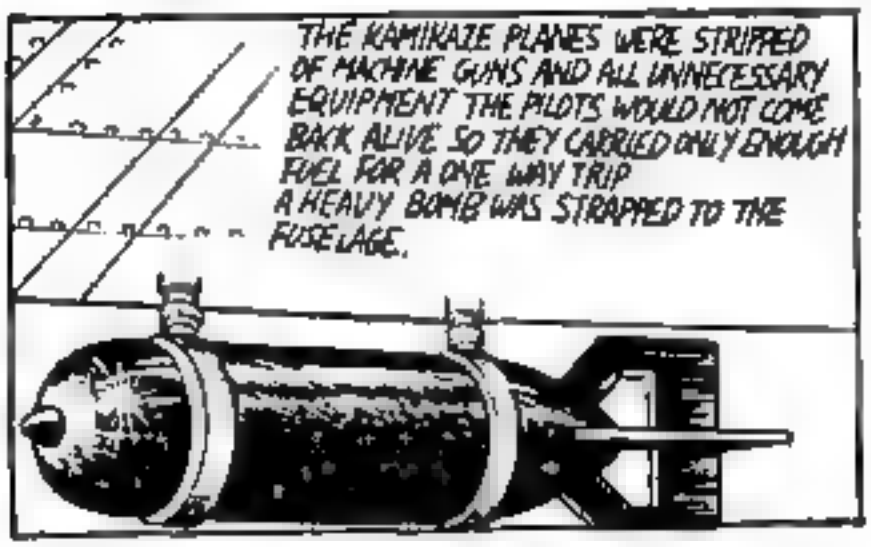
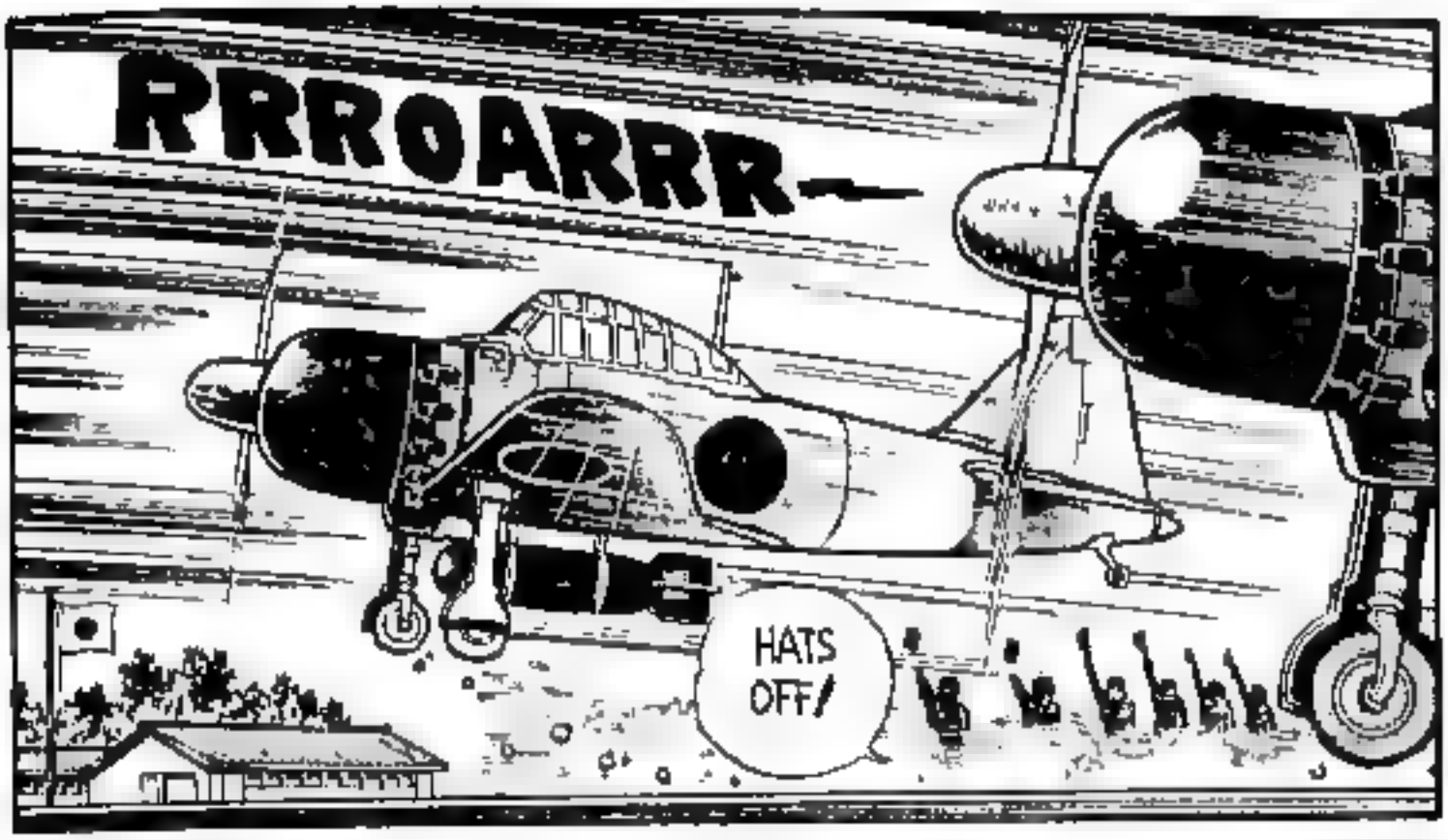

THE KAMIKAZE PLANES WERE STRIPPED OF MACHINE GUNS AND ALL UNNECESSARY EQUIPMENT THE PILOTS WOULD NOT COME BACK ALIVE SO THEY CARRIED ONLY ENOUGH FUEL FOR A ONE WAY TRIP
A HEAVY BOMB WAS STRAPPED TO THE FUSELAGE.

PRAY FOR LUCK
YESSIR

A PARTING TOAST! WILL TODAY BE MY LAST?
GOOD LUCK!
KENSHIN SQUADRON REPORTING SIR! WE'RE OFF!
ATTACK!
ROAR-
MOTHER! NATSUKO! FORGIVE ME!
TAKE OFF!!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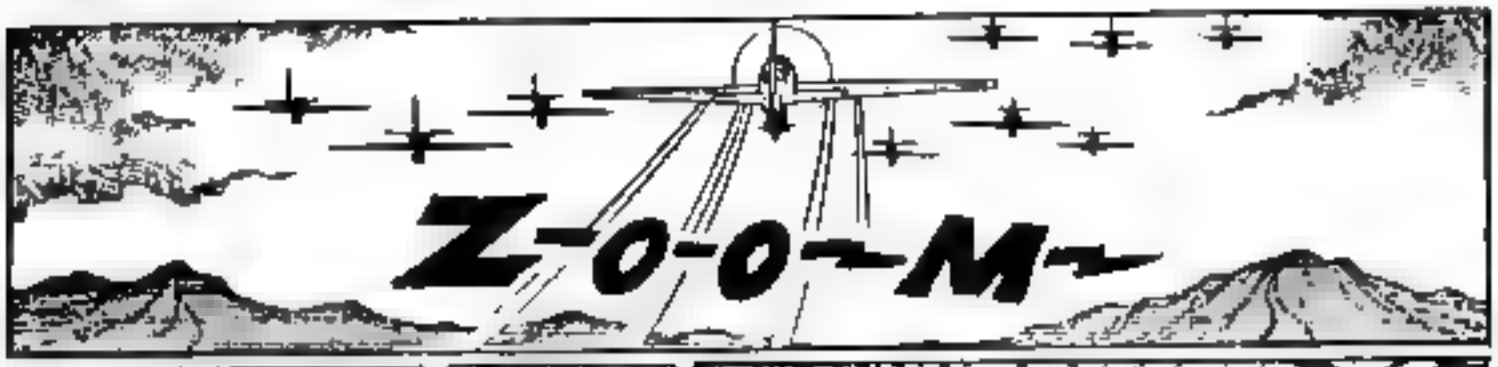
HATS OFF!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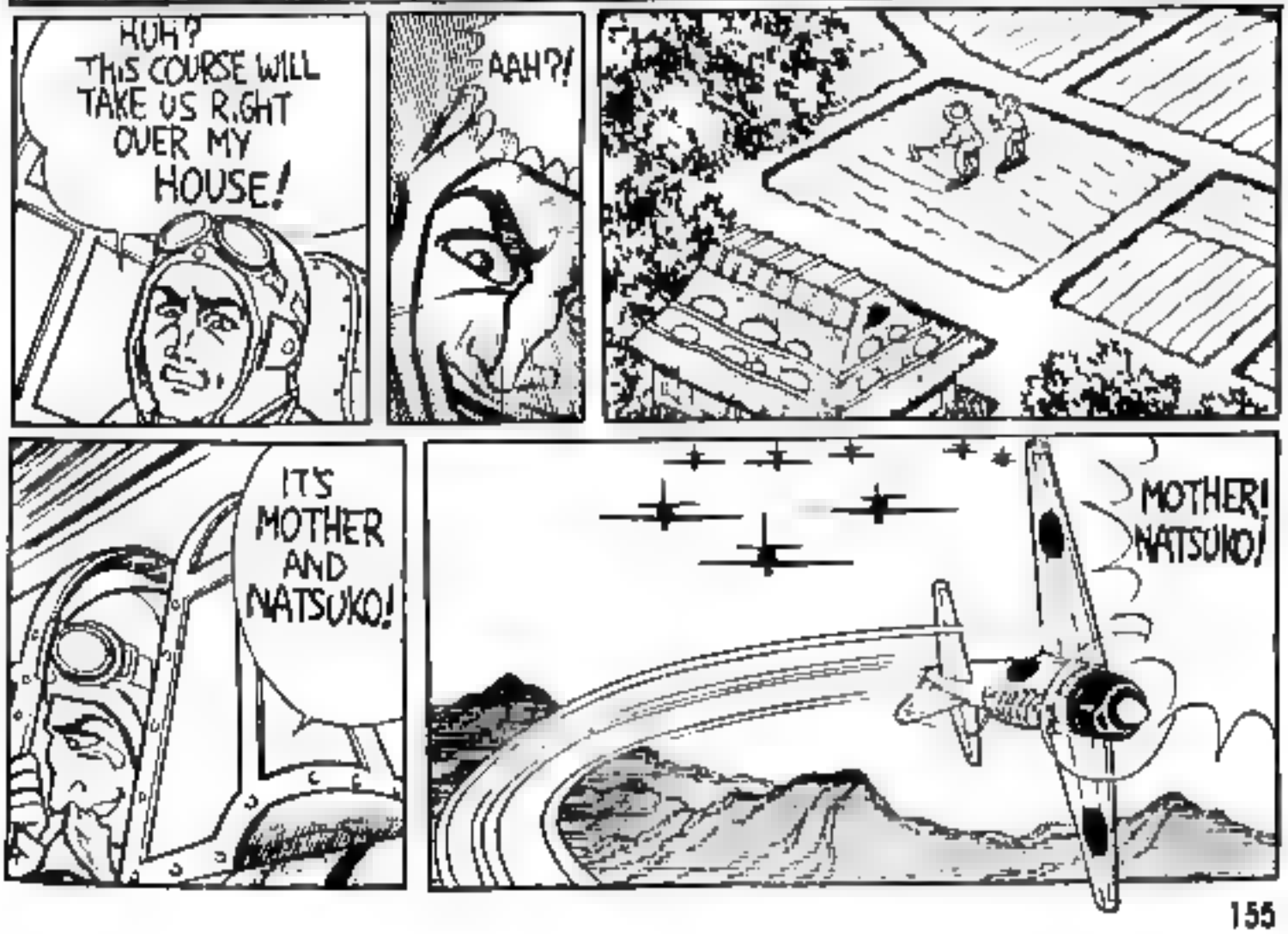
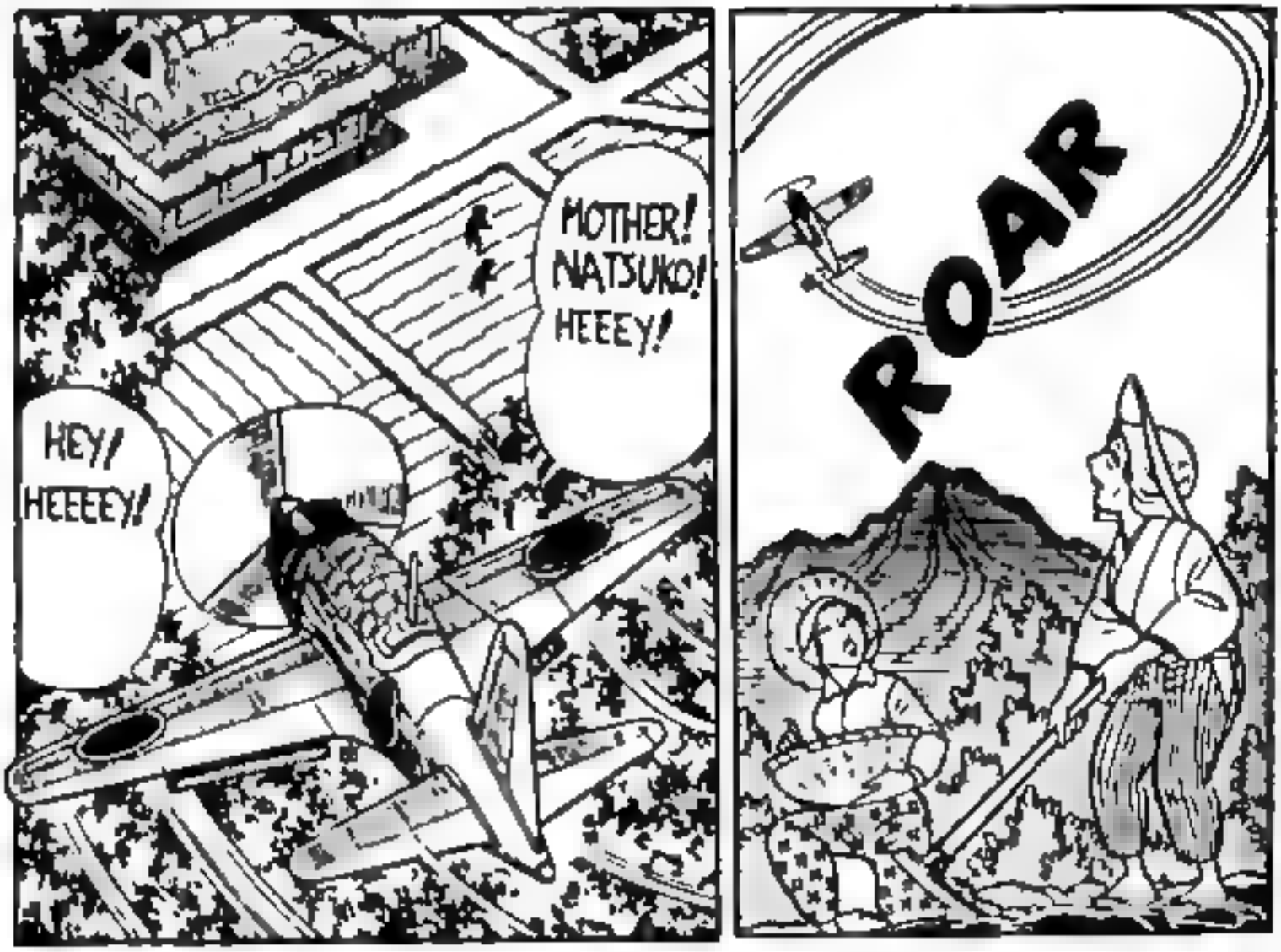

HUH? THIS COURSE WILL TAKE US RIGHT OVER MY HOUSE!
AAH?!
IT'S MOTHER AND NATSUKO!
MOTHER! NATSUKO!


MOTHER! NATSUKO! HEEEY!
HEY! HEEEEY!
ROAR

PLEASE LOOK! IT'S ME!
MOTHER! IT'S ME! NATSUKO! IT'S ME!
THAT'S FUNNY THAT PLANE KEEPS FLYING AROUND OVER OUR HOUSE
YES, IT IS RATHER STRANGE
OOOH
LIEUTENANT KUMAI! RETURN TO FORMATION! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
NO! NO! I DON'T WANT TO DIE! I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE MY MOTHER!
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE NATSUKO! I WANT TO LIVE! I WANT TO LIVE!

NAAATSUKO!

MO-THER! MO-THER!

ZOOM

SURE IS STRANGE. IT'S BEEN FLYING UP THERE FOR OVER AN HOUR!

OOOOH! MAMA! MAMA!

NATSUKO! NATSUKO!

OH NO!! I'M OUT OF GAS!

SPUTTER SPOTTER

OOOH! IT'S COMING DOWN!

GRAAZ

OH NO!

WHOOM
PANT
PANT
GROAN
DAIJIRO
WHAT...?
DAIJIRO
MOTHER!
M-MOTHER
I-I'M AFRAID!
I'M AFRAID
TO DIE!
YOUR COMRADES ALL DIED ATTACKING THE ENEMY. YOU COWARD!
HOW CAN YOU EVER ATONE FOR WRECKING ONE OF THE EMPEROR'S VALUABLE AIRPLANES? THERE ARE PLENTY OF MEN, BUT PLANES ARE HARD TO COME BY.
LIEUTENANT KUMAI. YOU ARE A DISGRACE TO THE CORPS. YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED.

WHEN YOUR WOUNDS HAVE HEALED. YOU WILL ATTACK THE ENEMY AND DIE! DO YOU UNDERSTAND, LIEUT. KUMAI?

GROAN

IDIOT!

NOW MY MOTHER WEEPS EVERY DAY BECAUSE SHE'S SCORNED AS THE MOTHER OF A TRAITOR BY THE NEIGHBORS IT'S ALL MY FAULT

M-MR. KUMAI.

WHY AM I TREATED AS A BAD MAN WHEN ALL I DID WAS TO BE HONEST?

KID! YOU LIVE! LIVE AND BE FREE LIKE WE WERE UNABLE TO BE! HELP BUILD A WORLD WHERE YOU CAN MARRY THE WOMAN YOU LOVE AND LIVE CONTENTEDLY WITH YOUR FAMILY!

THAT'S THE BEST THING A HUMAN BEING CAN DO!

MR KUMAI, COULD I HAVE SOME SAKE?

YOU'RE GOING TO DRUNK?

YOUR SAKE IS DELICIOUS.

DUMMY

I'M GOING TO DIE HATING THE ONES WHO MADE THE WORLD LIKE THIS!

AAAH. THE BASTARDS!

BANG

:GROAN: I WANT TO LIVE, NAKAYAMA. I WANT TO LIVE FOR A LONG TIME..

KUMAI, S-STOP IT! I'VE ALMOST MANAGED TO GIVE UP ON LIFE AND YOU KEEP..

.....

HEY, KID. IF YOU LIVE THROUGH THE WAR WILL YOU GIVE THIS TO MY MOTHER?

IT'S A LOCK OF MY HAIR AND SOME FINGERNAIL CLIPPINGS.

A-AURIGHT..

THIS IS THE ONLY KIND OF THING I CAN LEAVE BEHIND. PLEASE ASK HER TO FORGIVE ME

KID, ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO JOIN THE PREPARATORY DRILL CORPS? YOU CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE BY CUTTING OFF AN ARM AND LEG, IF YOU WANT..

I MUST GO. FOR THE SAKE OF FATHER, MOTHER GEN, SHINJI, EIKO, AKIRA...

GOODBYE, MR KUMAI, MR NAKAYAMA.

IDIOT! DO AS YOU PLEASE, THEN!

I'LL NEVER FORGET THE TASTE OF YOUR SAKE, MR KUMAI.

♪ THERES A MAN HERE WHO'S GOING OFF TO JOIN THE ARMY WE ALL HATE... WHAT A FOOL. WHAT A FOOL. ♪

HEY KID! DON'T GET YOURSELF KILLED. Y'HEAR?

I-I WON'T.

♪ THE FLOWERS ON THE HILL BURNING RED THE RIVER BANKS COVERED WITH FRESH GREEN ♪

♪ SINGING OF THE FLOWERS OF THE CAPITAL AS THE MOON HANGS OVER MT YOSHIDA ♪

GO GET 'EM KID!

THANK YOU!

KOJI NAKAOKA REPORTING FOR THE 24TH SESSION OF THE YOUTH TRAINING CORPS, S.I.R

GOOD!

鹿児島海軍航空隊

SIGN "KAGOSHIMA NAVAL AIR CORPS"

THE YOUTH TRAINING CORPS ENROLLED 15 TO 17-YEAR OLD BOYS ENTHRALLED WITH THE IDEA OF FLYING AND ATTRACTED BY THE SMART 17-BUTTONED UNIFORM.

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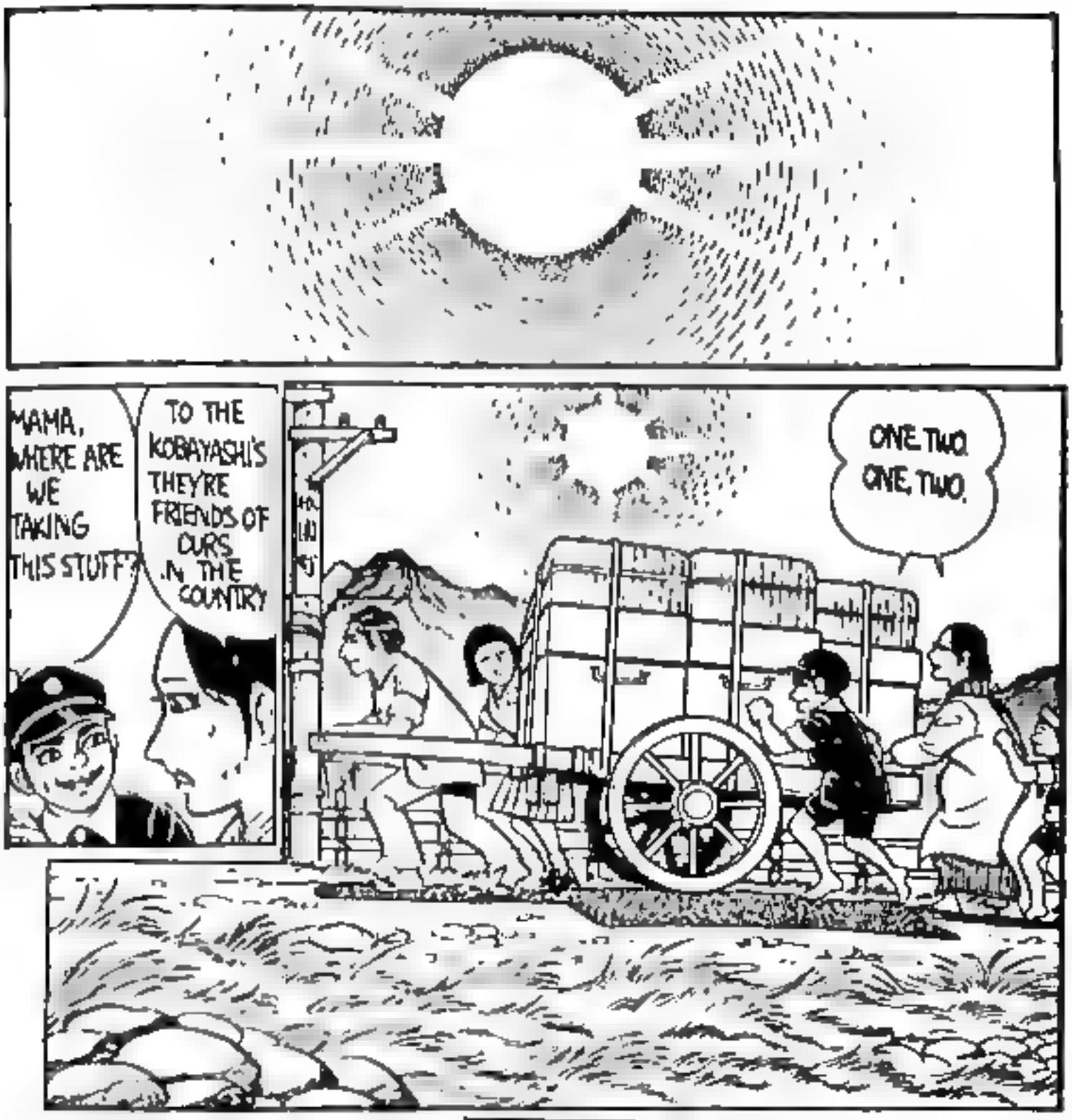
集募生練科予。

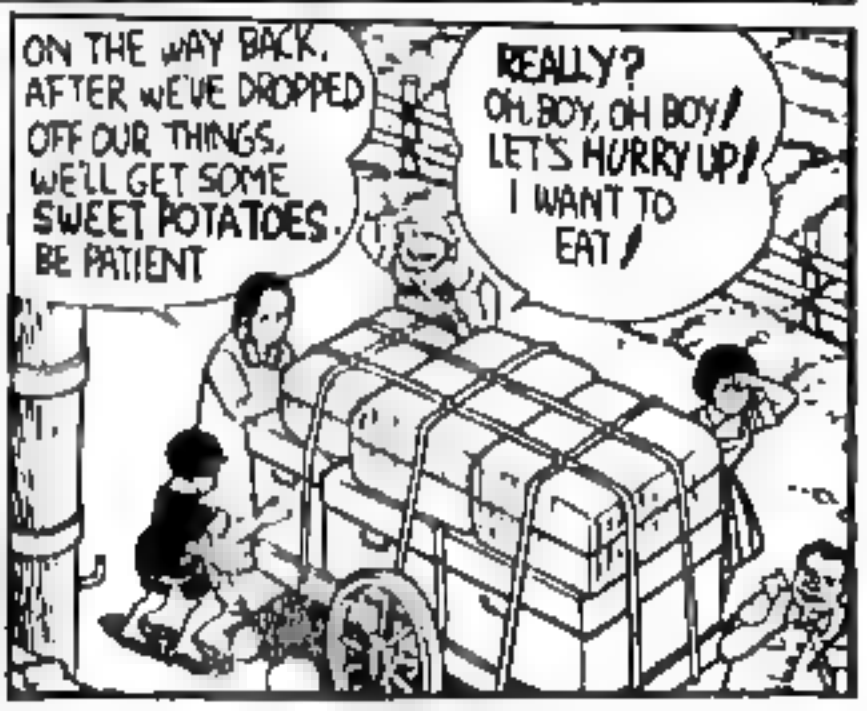
POSTER "WELCOME YOUNG EAGLES JOIN THE YOUTH TRAINING CORPS"

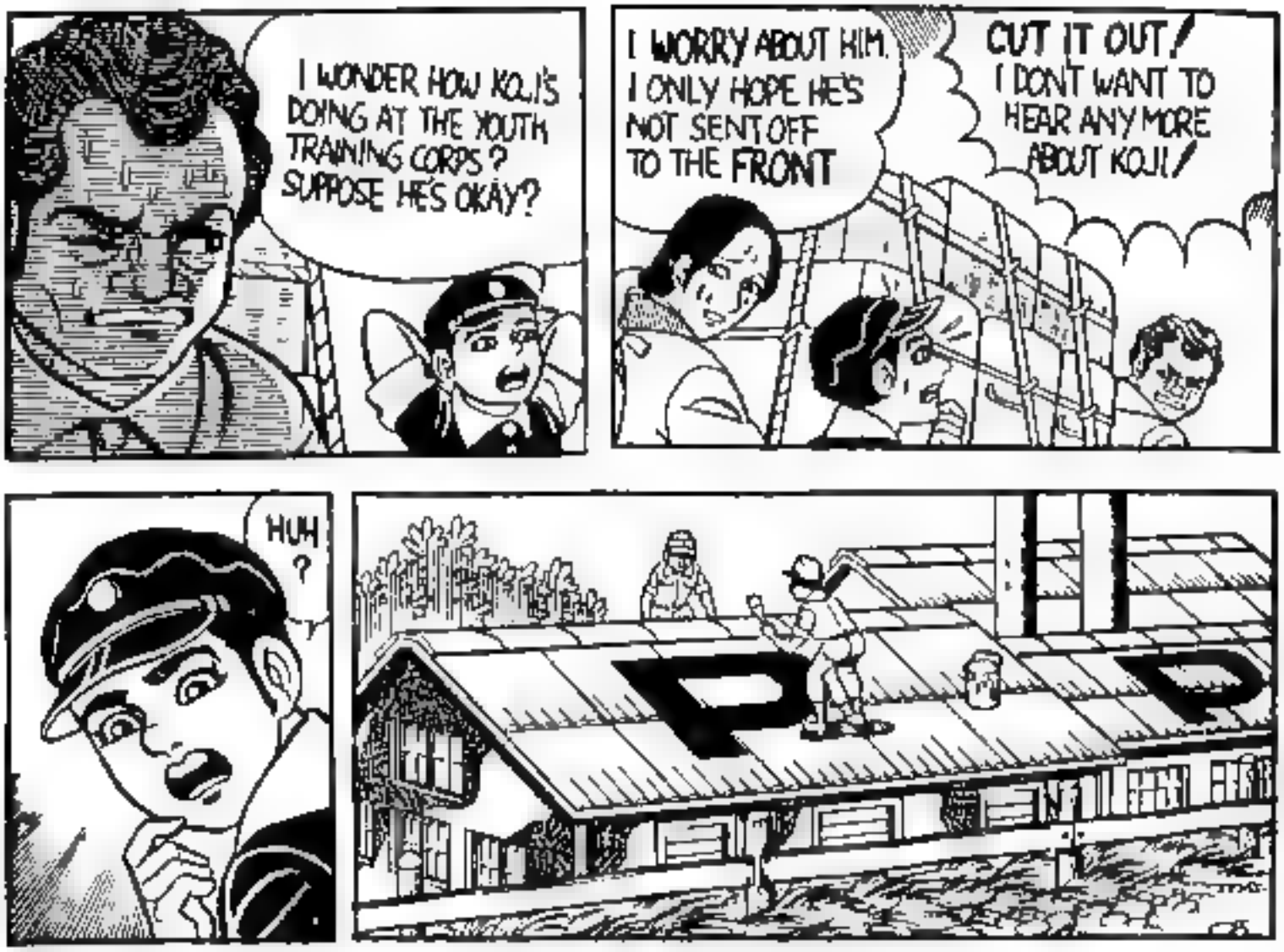
AS THE WAR NEARED ITS END, THE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH SESSION GREW TO 3000. IN PLACE OF BULLETS, YOUNG LIVES WERE SNUFFED OUT ONE BY ONE.

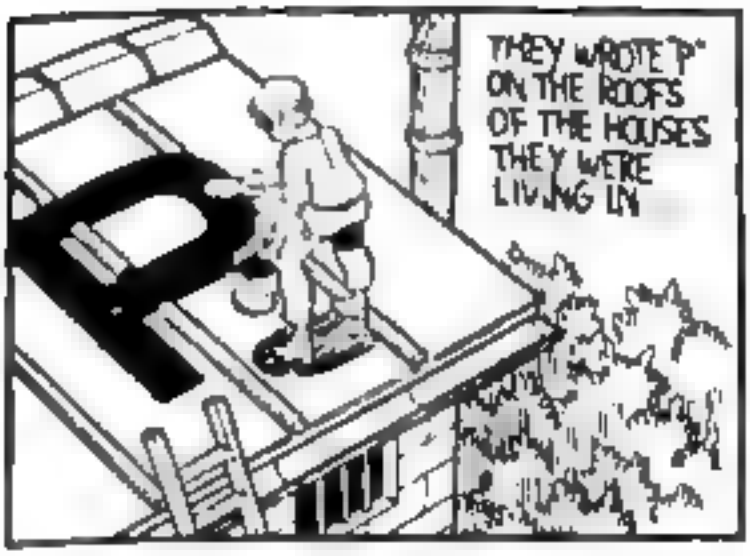
FATHER, MOTHER! GEN, SHINJI, AKIRA, EIKO! I'LL DO IT! I'LL SHOW THEM THAT WE'RE PATRIOTIC!


MAMA, WHERE ARE WE TAKING THIS STUFF?
TO THE KOBAYASHI'S THEY'RE FRIENDS OF OURS IN THE COUNTRY
ONE, TWO, ONE, TWO,

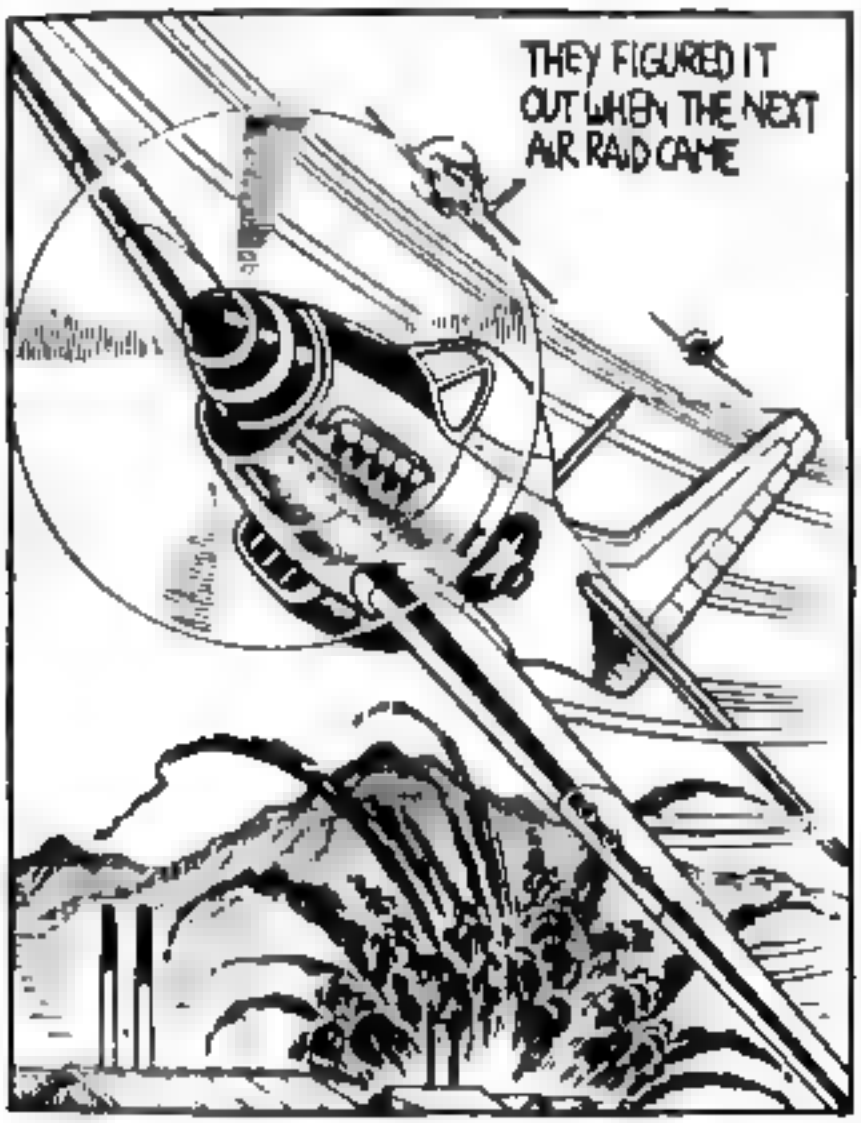
IF OUR HOUSE GOT BURNED DOWN IN AN AIR RAID, ALL YOU CHILDREN'S CLOTHES AND THINGS WOULD BE GONE.
MAMA! I'M HUNGRY!


ON THE WAY BACK, AFTER WE'VE DROPPED OFF OUR THINGS, WE'LL GET SOME SWEET POTATOES. BE PATIENT
REALLY? OH, BOY, OH BOY! LET'S HURRY UP! I WANT TO EAT!


I WONDER HOW KOJI'S DOING AT THE YOUTH TRAINING CORPS? SUPPOSE HE'S OKAY?
I WORRY ABOUT HIM. I ONLY HOPE HE'S NOT SENT OFF TO THE FRONT
CUT IT OUT! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE ABOUT KOJI!
HUH?
P
P
GLUG, GLUG.
PAPA! HOW COME THEY'RE PAINTING A LETTER "P" ON THE ROOFS?
OH, THAT...
THE AMERICAN POW'S ASKED FOR PAINT. AND WHEN IT WAS GIVEN TO THEM.

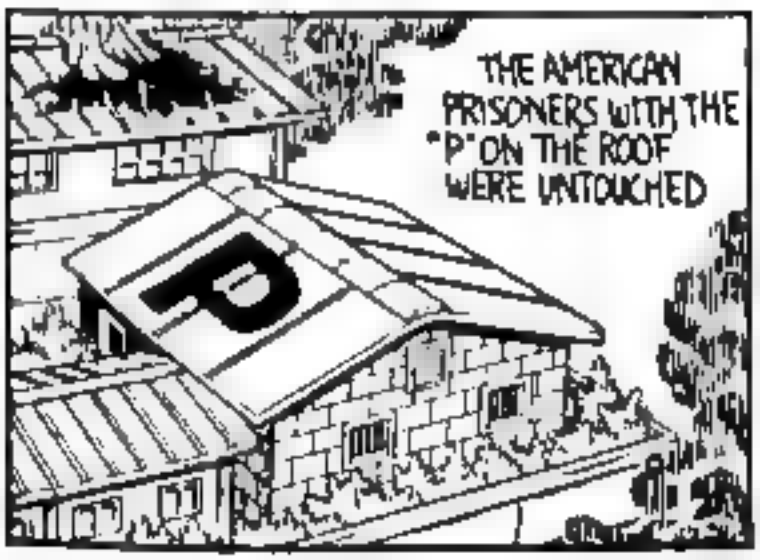

THEY WROTE "P" ON THE ROOFS OF THE HOUSES THEY WERE LIVING IN

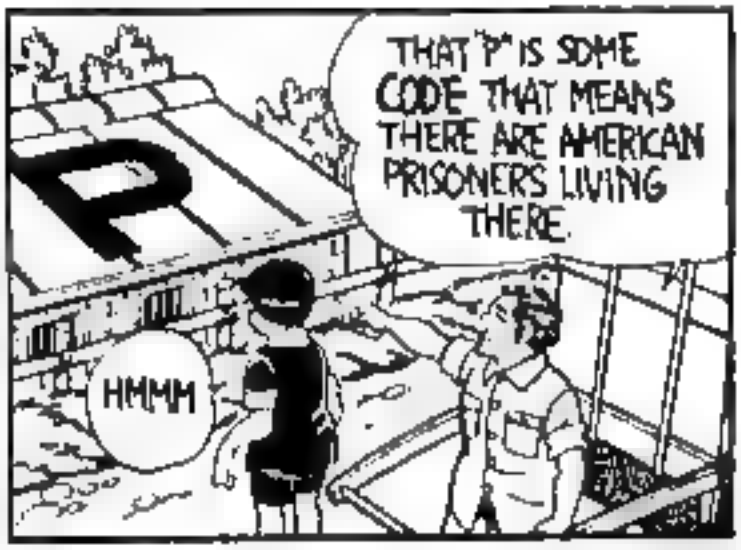
EVERYONE THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE. BUT..


THEY FIGURED IT OUT WHEN THE NEXT AIR RAID CAME

RAT-TAT-T

THE REST OF THE FACTORY AND THE BARRACKS WERE DESTROYED BY BOMBS AND MACHINE-GUN FIRE. BUT


THE AMERICAN PRISONERS WITH THE "P" ON THE ROOF WERE UNTOUCHED
P


THAT "P" IS SOME CODE THAT MEANS THERE ARE AMERICAN PRISONERS LIVING THERE.
HMMM
P

SO NOW JAPANESE PEOPLE ARE IM,TATING THE AMERICANS AND WRITING A "P" ON THEIR ROOFS SO THEY WON'T GET BOMBED
REALLY?!
PAPA! WE SHOULD WRITE A "P" ON TOP OF TH.S LOAD!
HEH,HEH HEH.. YOU DUMMY

WHAT'S GOING ON?
LOOK AT 'EM.
WOW
KUH?

UH HUH
PAPA! AMERICAN SOLDIERS!
DEVILS!
YOU MONSTERS!!
HURRY UP AND DIE. YOU YANK!

TAKE THAT YOU DEVILS!

STOP IT!

HEY SOLDIER! HURRY UP AND EXECUTE THOSE GUYS!

YEAH! YEAH!

I WON'T STAND FOR IT! MY SON WAS KILLED BY THOSE BASTARDS!

DON'T WORRY. THEY'LL BE SHOT SOON GO ON HOME

HURRY UP. KILL THEM. KILL THEM!

THOSE AMERICANS HAVE MOTHERS, FATHERS, SISTERS AND BROTHERS TOO. WAR JUST MAKES HUMANS HATE EACH OTHER. KILL EACH OTHER ..

COME ON. LET'S GO!

UH, YEAH

GEN! THE AMERICANS HAVE RED FACES LIKE DEVILS! THEY'RE SCARY AREN'T THEY?

MUTTER.. MUTTER

GRUMBLE GRUMBLE

HEY! THE CHOPSTICKS STAND UP IN THE GRUEL TODAY!

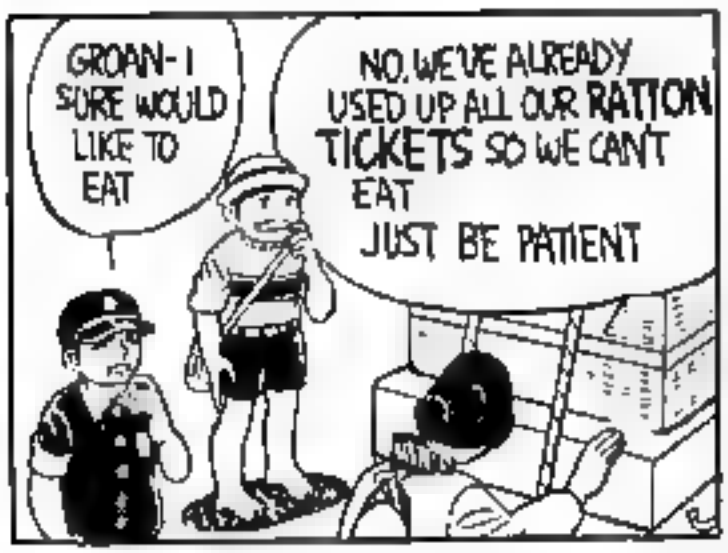
USUALLY YOU CAN SEE YOUR REFLECTION IN IT JUST LIKE WATER. THIS IS AMAZING!

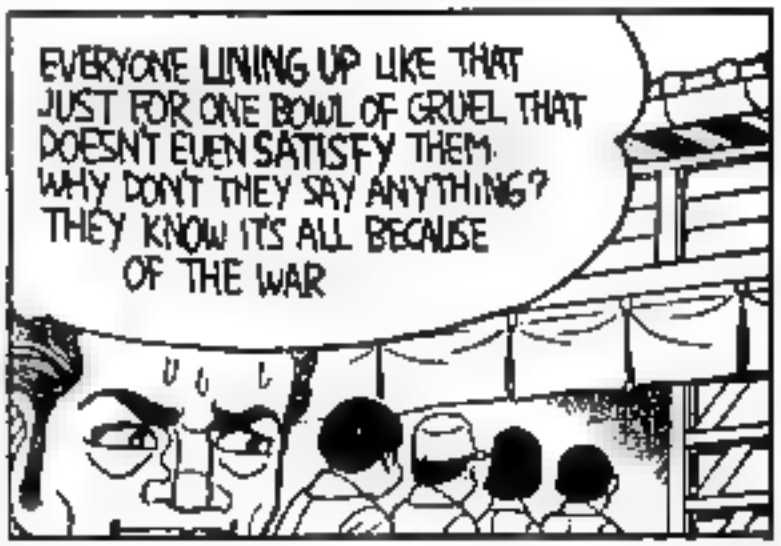
LOOK AT THAT !!

SIGN PUBLIC DINING HALL

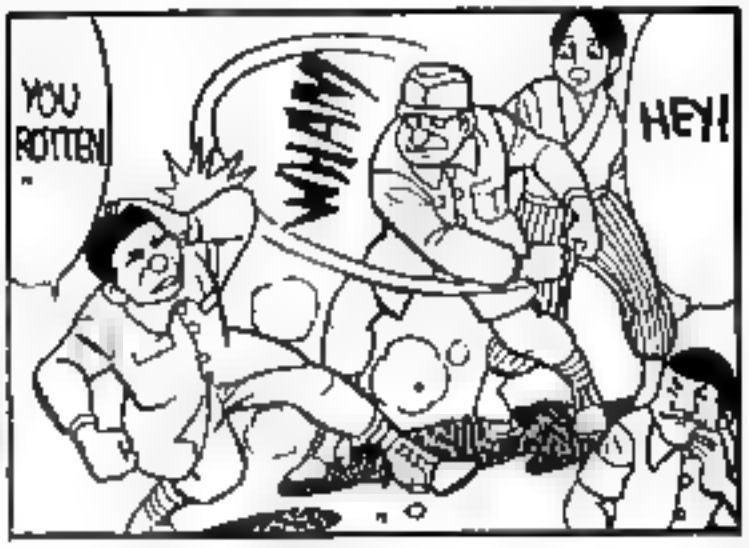
MUTTER, MUTTER
QUIT PUSHING!
HURRY UP, FEED US!
MUTTER, MUTTER

MAMA! I WANT TO EAT TOO! THE CHOPSTICKS STAND UP IN THE GRUEL WE NEVER GET TO EAT ANYTHING LIKE THAT!


GROAN- I SURE WOULD LIKE TO EAT
NO. WE'VE ALREADY USED UP ALL OUR RATION TICKETS SO WE CAN'T EAT JUST BE PATIENT


EVERYONE LINING UP LIKE THAT JUST FOR ONE BOWL OF GRUEL THAT DOESN'T EVEN SATISFY THEM. WHY DON'T THEY SAY ANYTHING? THEY KNOW IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THE WAR

IT'S THE ONES THAT STARTED THE WAR WHO ARE TO BLAME, BUT EVERY CITIZEN WHO COOPERATES WILLINGLY IS AT FAULT TOO GETTING TREATED LIKE THIS ..

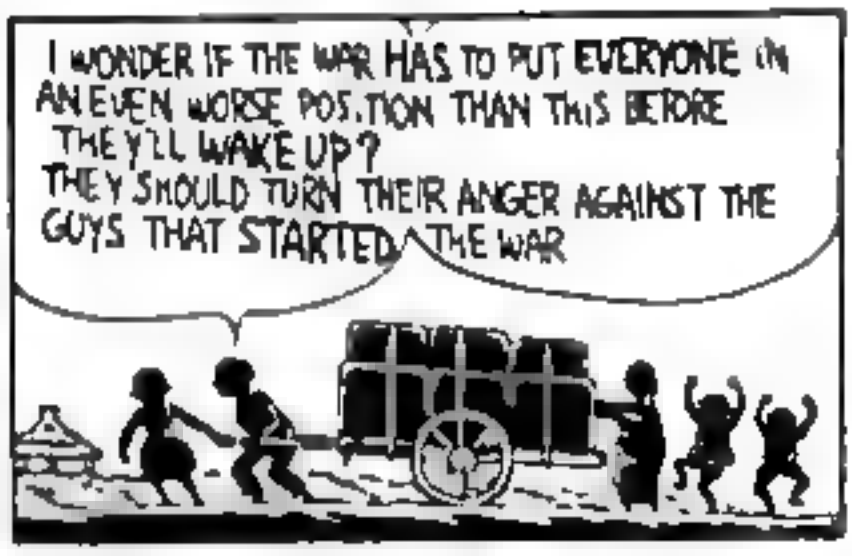

YOU ROTTEN
WHAM
HEY!

YOU CUT INTO THE LINE! LINE UP AT THE END!
YOU'RE CRAZY! I WAS IN LINE HERE!

YOU BETTER WATCH OUT! IF I DON'T GET ANY GRUEL. YOU'VE GONNA GET IT!
AW, SHUT UP AND STOP COMPLAINING

YAY! FIGHT! FIGHT!
OH BOY. A FIGHT!
TAKE THAT, YOU

IT'S GETTING PRETTY BAD WHEN 2 GROWN MEN CARRY ON LIKE THAT OVER ONE BOWL OF GRUEL.
THE BIGSHOTS WHO RUN THE WAR ARE EATING GOOD STUFF, AND ALL THEY WANT


I WONDER IF THE WAR HAS TO PUT EVERYONE IN AN EVEN WORSE POSITION THAN THIS BEFORE THEY'LL WAKE UP? THEY SHOULD TURN THEIR ANGER AGAINST THE GUYS THAT STARTED THE WAR

JUNE WAS FOOD SUPPLIES FOR THE CITY OF HIROSHIMA HAD ALMOST RUN OUT AND THE CITY WAS IN A STATE OF STARVATION.

GOODBYE MRS NAKAOKA, TAKE CARE
MRS KOBAYASHI, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR EVERYTHING AND THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR THINGS FOR US

HEE
HEE
HEE
HA
HA
HA
HA

PRETTY NEAT, HUH SHINJ,? THEY GAVE US ALL THESE SWEET POTATOES!
OH BOY. OH BOY. OH BOY.

WE'RE PRETTY LUCKY DEAR. THESE POTATOES WILL FEED US FOR AT LEAST A MONTH AND WE WON'T HAVE TO WATCH THE CHILDREN CRYING WITH EMPTY STOMACHS.

CAN WE HAVE SOME? HJH MAMA?
MAMA! GIVE US SOME POTATOES! WE CAN'T WAIT ANYMORE!

OH, ALL RIGHT.
YAY! YAY!

CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH

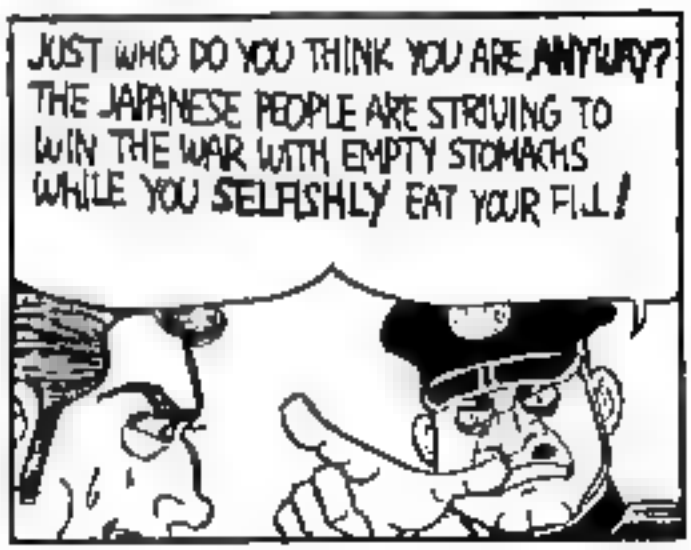
HA HA HA HA. GOOD, HUH SHINJI ?
YUP
THESE TASTE GOOD!

BEGGARS. BEGGARS FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER HOLDING THEIR BOWLS OUTSIDE THE GATE. HEY MISTER! GIVE US A BELLYFUL OF RICE!

I JUST CAN'T STAND IT, KIMIE LOOK AT THEM CARRYING ON LIKE THAT OVER RAW POTATOES!

HUH ?
STOP !
WHERE DID THESE COME FROM ?

A FRIEND OF OURS GAVE THEM TO US.
WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO FOOL?! YOU GOT THOSE ON THE BLACK MARKET. DIDN'T YOU ?


JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, ANYWAY? THE JAPANESE PEOPLE ARE STRIVING TO WIN THE WAR WITH EMPTY STOMACHS WHILE YOU SELFISHLY EAT YOUR FILL!

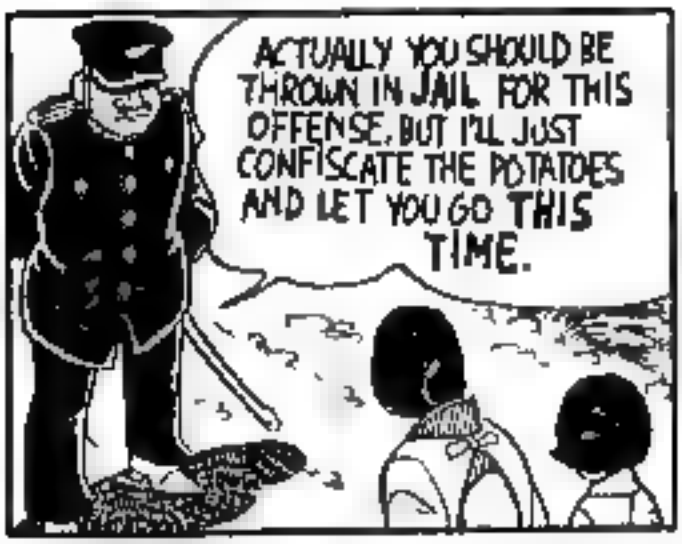
SWEET POTATOES ARE THE SUSTENANCE OF OUR TROOPS AT THE FRONT! YOU BUYING THEM ON THE BLACK MARKET, YOU HAVE AFFRONTED THE EMPEROR! DON'T YOU FEEL ASHAMED?

SPLAT!
YOU TRAITOR !

PAPA!

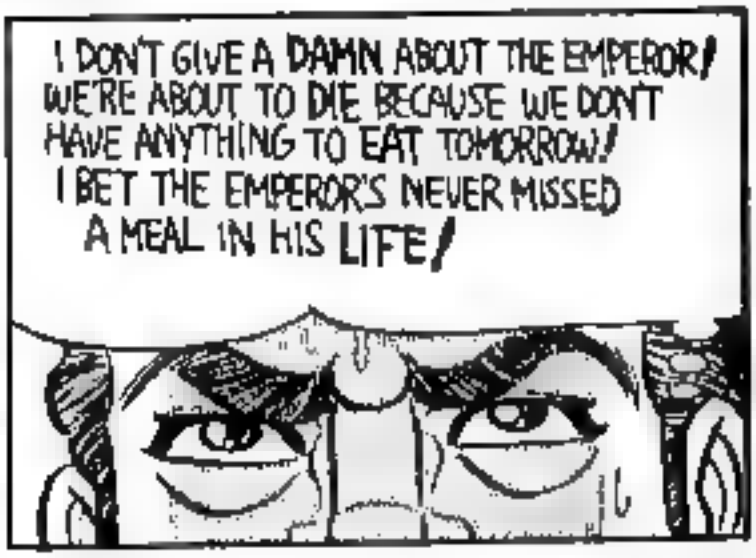
IT'S BECAUSE OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU BREAKING DOWN THE SYSTEM THAT JAPAN IS GOING TO LOSE THE WAR! YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED! ASHAMED!

THE CHILDRE ARE STARVING! THEY'RE ABOUT TO DIE! PLEASE FORGIVE US, PLEASE!
SHUT UP!!


ACTUALLY YOU SHOULD BE THROWN IN JAIL FOR THIS OFFENSE. BUT I'LL JUST CONFISCATE THE POTATOES AND LET YOU GO THIS TIME.

UNLOAD THOSE POTATOES! QUICK!

DIRTY NO-GOOD COP
HE HIDES BEHIND HIS BADGE AND PICKS ON DEFENSELESS PEOPLE LIKE US
ALL HE DOES IS MOUTH OFF ABOUT "WINNING THE WAR" OR "DOING THINGS FOR THE EMPEROR"


I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT THE EMPEROR! WE'RE ABOUT TO DIE BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO EAT TOMORROW! I BET THE EMPEROR'S NEVER MISSED A MEAL IN HIS LIFE!

GEN, SHINJI, EIKO! FILL YOURSELVES UP WITH THESE POTATOES.
I-IS IT ALL RIGHT, PAPA?

HEY YOU! HAVE YOU NO RESPECT FOR A POLICEMAN?!
YOU EXPECT ME TO KEEP QUIET AND LET MY KIDS STARVE?

ANYHOW, IF YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE THEM, AT LEAST YOU COULD LET THE KIDS EAT FIRST

YOU KEEP QUIET!

YOU OUGHT TO KNOW THAT IT'S A CRIME TO BUY ON THE BLACK MARKET! ARE YOU INSULTING THE POLICE?

ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD!! DO WHATEVER YOU WANT! TAKE ME WHEREVER YOU WANT!

I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ANY MORE! I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS!

YOU- YOU-

DEAR, WATCH YOUR TEMPER.

I'M GOING TO SAVE MY KIDS AND I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS!

SHINJI. HURRY. EAT FAST! THE POLICEMAN IS GONNA TAKE THE POTATOES!

HURRY, EIKO! EAT!

CRUNCH CRUNCH

CRUNCH CRUNCH

GRRRR

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN INSULT AN OFFICER, DO YOU?
YOU BUNCH OF TRAITORS!
W-WAIT, PLEASE. MY HUSBAND HAS A SHORT TEMPER. I'M SORRY IF HE INSULTED YOU. PLEASE FORGIVE US!
PLEASE SIR! FORGIVE US!
PLEASE
AAAH!
WHAP!
FOOL!
KIMIE!
MAMA!
Y-YOU GOOD FOR NOTHING, STINKING COP! YOU THINK YOU CAN KICK MY MOTHER AROUND? SHE HAS A BABY IN HER STOMACH!
QUIET!
YOU POTATO THIEF! YOU MURDERER!!
YOU DUMB COP! YOU BIG FAT BULLY!!
SHUT UP!

I'LL NEVER FORGET YOUR FACE, MISTER!
WHEN I GROW UP I'M GONNA FIND YOU AND BEAT YOUR BRAINS OUT! YOU BETTER WATCH OUT!
ME TOO! I WON'T FORGET EITHER! YOU BETTER WATCH OUT!
YOU BRATS! WHAT DO YOU THINK A POLICEMAN IS ANYWAY!?
S-STOP, PLEASE! PLEASE EXCUSE THEM..
BOO HOO HOO. PLEASE, SIR!
BECAUSE YOU REQUEST IT MAAM, I'LL OVERLOOK THIS TODAY.
BUT IF YOU EVER INSULT A POLICEMAN A SECOND TIME IT WON'T GO EASY WITH YOU!
T-THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR
WE- WE'RE GOING.
NOW HURRY UP, GET ON HOME YOU TRAITORS!
:GROAN: DAMN IT!

SHINJI, STOP CRYING! PLEASE DON'T CRY! IT HURTS, IT REALLY HURTS...

Waaah! Waaah!

SHINJI, CUT IT OUT! DID HE HURT YOU WHEN HE HIT YOU?

NO, I'M CRYING BECAUSE HE TOOK THE POTATOES! WAAAA, HE TOOK OUR POTATOES!

AS JAPAN'S POSITION IN THE WAR GREW WORSE AND WORSE, THE WARTIME LEADERS STARTED USING MILITARY AND POLICE POWER TO REPRESS THE GROWING DISSATISFACTION OF THE PEOPLE BY TOSSING THEM IN JAIL. IN THIS WAY THE PEOPLE WERE TRUSSED AND BOUND AND FORCED TO COOPERATE IN THE WAR.

WAAAA, HE TOOK OUR POTATOES!

BOO HOO HOO... WHEN WE'RE AT HOME WE'RE TRAITORS! WHEN WE GET POTATOES IN THE COUNTRY. WE'RE TRAITORS!

WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO ANYWAY?! ARE WE JUST SUPPOSED TO LIE DOWN AND DIE?!

OOOH, I HATE IT! I HATE THIS WAR, I HATE THIS WORLD!

IF THIS IS WHAT JAPAN IS, IT MIGHT AS WELL BE WIPED OUT!

KIMIE, DON'T CRY. THERE'S HOPE THERE'S A BETTER WORLD COMING, YOU'LL SEE.

BOO HOO HOO, I WISH I COULD JUST DIE!

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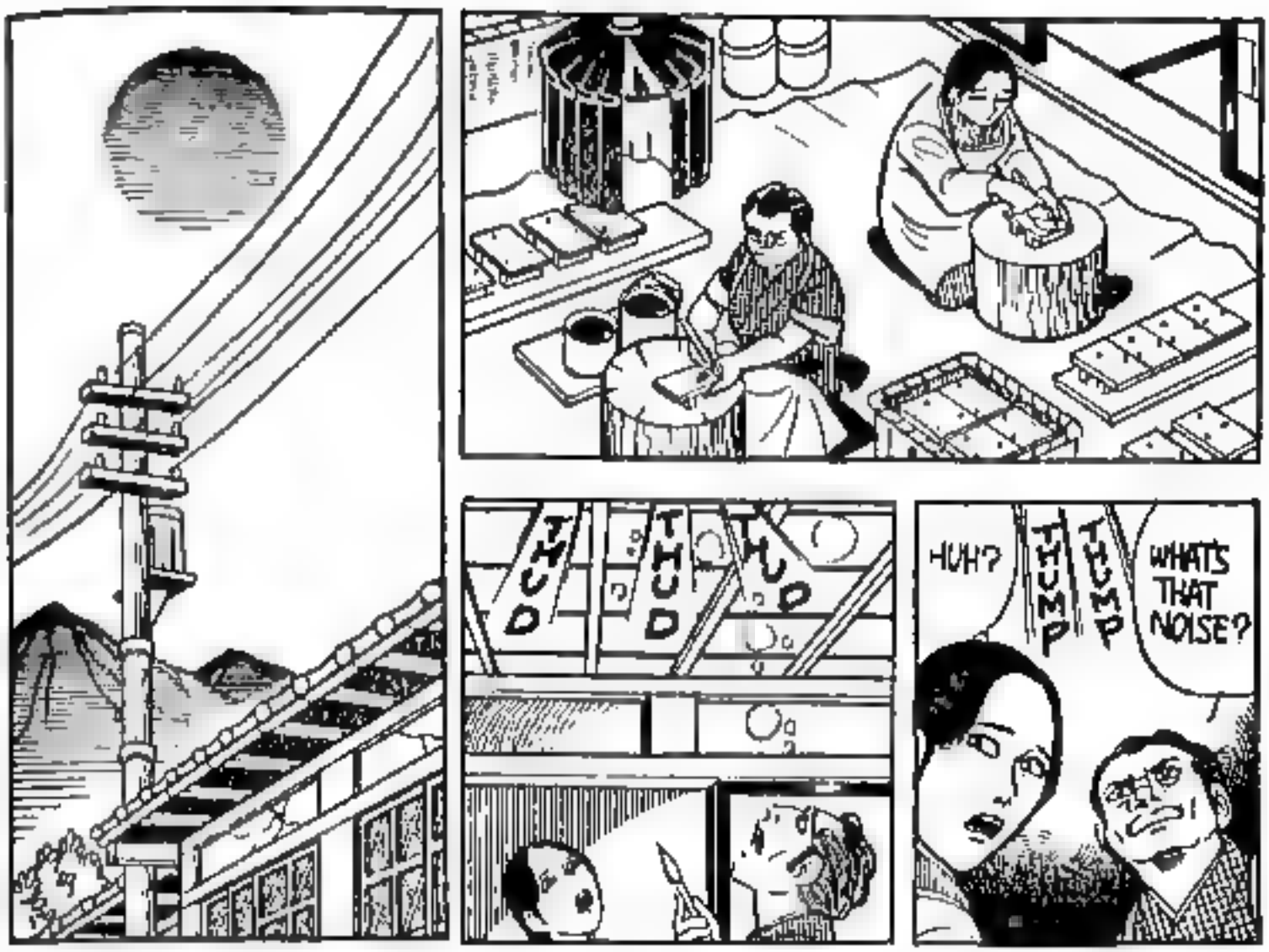
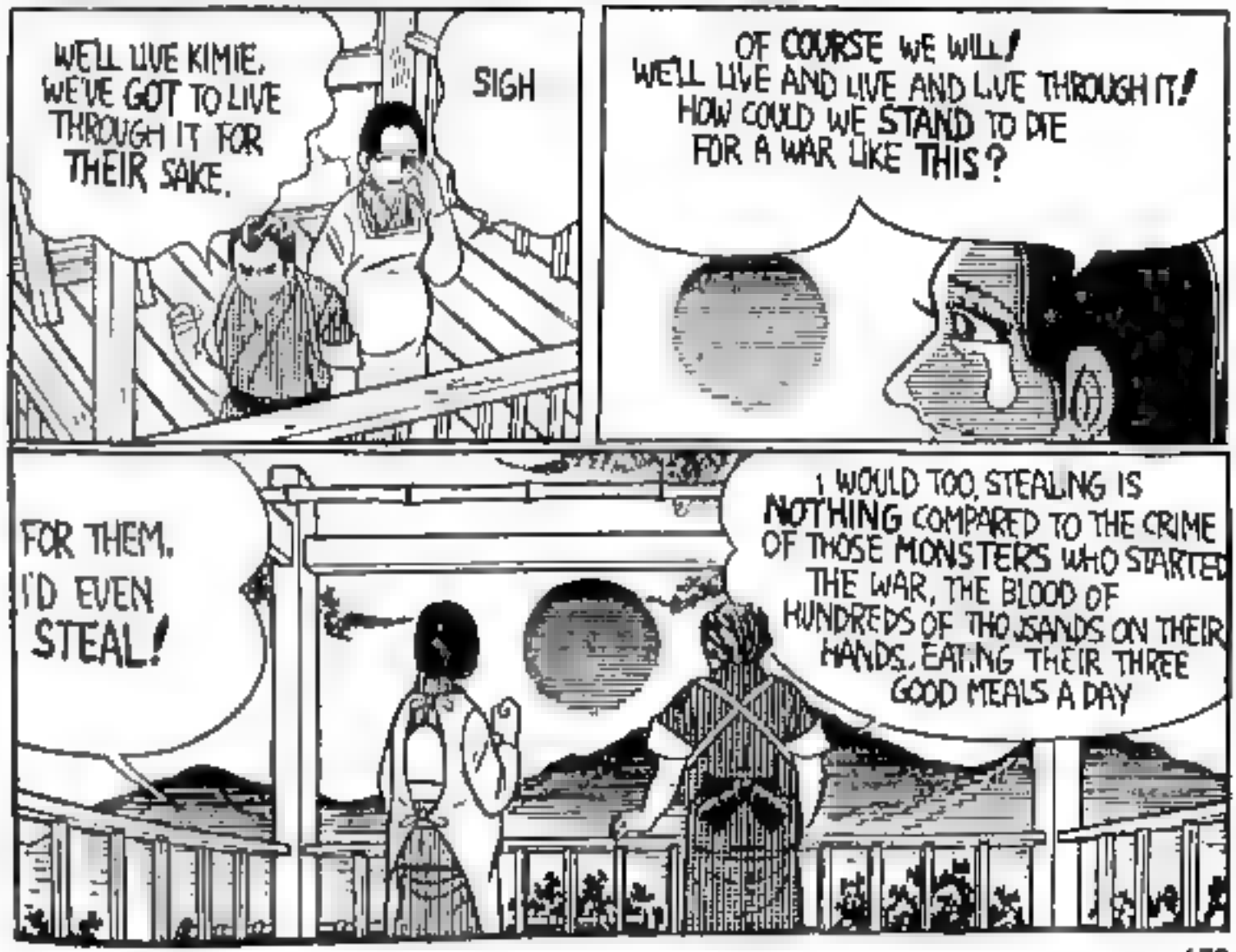

THUD
THUD
THUD
HUH?
THUMP
THUMP
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

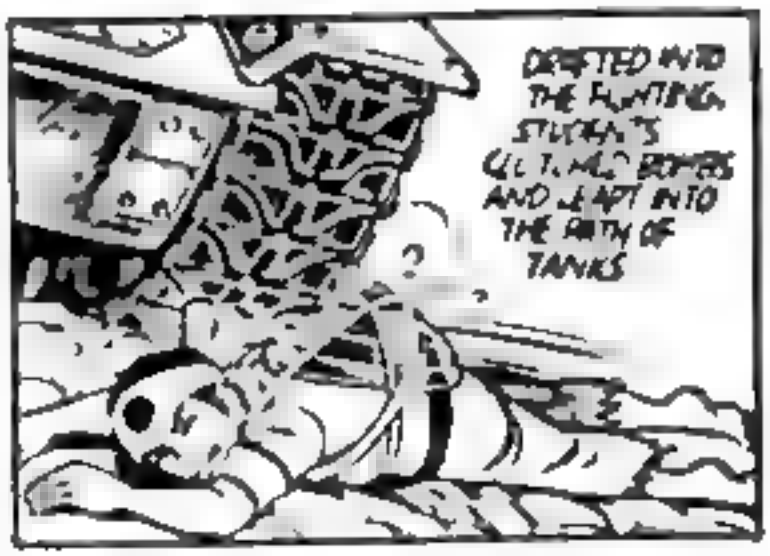
IT MUST BE GEN AND SHINJI UP TO THEIR TRICKS.
WHAT ARE THEY DOING UP ON THE ROOF ANYWAY?
DRAW IT NICE!
DON'T WORRY.
HEH HEH

THERE WE GO. ALL DONE!
BANZAI!!
HEH HEH HEH. NOW OUR HOUSE WON'T GET HIT BY ENEMY PLANES!
I SURE DON'T WANT PAPA AND MAMA TO GET KILLED BY A BOMB!
NOW OUR WONDERFUL PAPA AND MAMA WILL LIVE FOR A LONG, LONG TIME
THAT'S RIGHT!
GEN AND SHINJI! LET'S BE STRONGER FROM NOW ON AND NOT CRY OR ANYTHING
YEAH
YEAH
I PROMISE NOT TO CRY WHEN WE CAN'T EAT!
I PROMISE NOT TO GIVE IN TO BEING CALLED A TRAITOR!
I PROMISE NOT TO WORRY PAPA AND MAMA ANYMORE!
LET'S PROMISE!
YEAH
YEAH

HOORAY FOR PAPA! HOORAY FOR MAMA!
CROSS YOUR FINGERS TO SWEAR BY A THOUSAND NEEDLES IF YOU TELL A LIE!


WE'LL LIVE KIMIE, WE'VE GOT TO LIVE THROUGH IT FOR THEIR SAKE.
SIGH
OF COURSE WE WILL! WE'LL LIVE AND LIVE AND LIVE THROUGH IT! HOW COULD WE STAND TO DIE FOR A WAR LIKE THIS?
FOR THEM, I'D EVEN STEAL!
I WOULD TOO. STEALING IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE CRIME OF THOSE MONSTERS WHO STARTED THE WAR, THE BLOOD OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS ON THEIR HANDS. EATING THEIR THREE GOOD MEALS A DAY

•AT THAT TIME, JUNE 23 1945
JAPAN'S LAST HOPE OKINAWA
WAS BEING TRANSFORMED INTO
AN ISLE OF BLOOD


DRIFTED INTO
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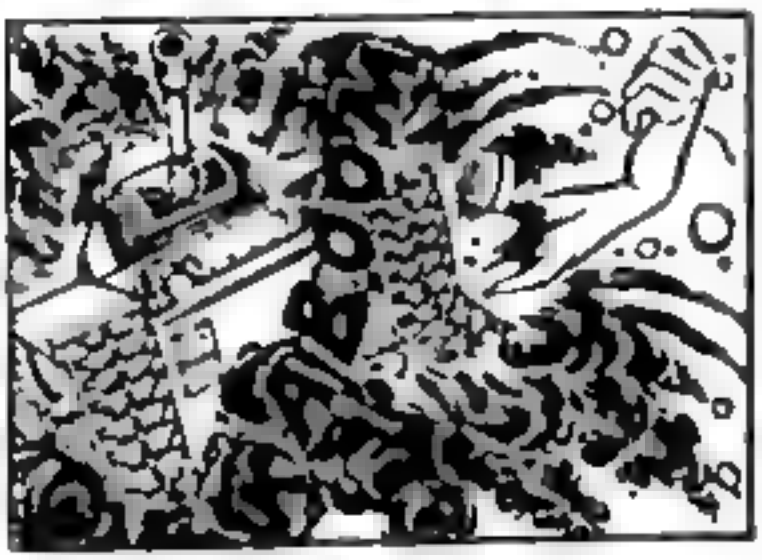

WHOOOOSH

WERE
BURNED TO
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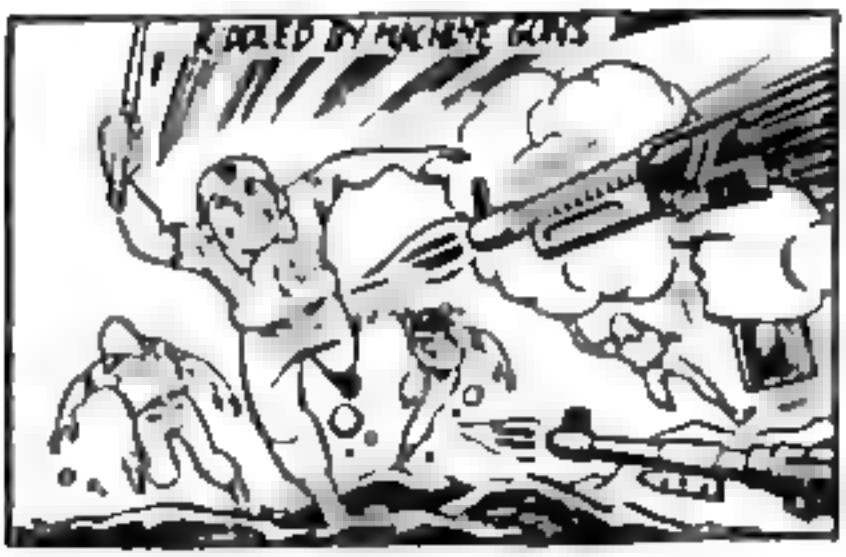

KILLED BY MACHINE GUNS

IN ORDER TO DEFEND THE
MAIN LAND OF JAPAN
THEY FOUGHT THE
AMERICANS LIKE MADMEN
BUT IT WAS ALL IN VAIN

DRIVEN BY THE AMERICANS, WITH NO PLACE TO FLEE TO, PEOPLE BEGAN ONE AFTER ANOTHER TO TAKE THEIR OWN LIVES.

WHERE THERE'S RABBITS ON THE MOUNTAIN. WHERE THERE'S FISH IN THE RIVER.

GOODBYE

GOODBYE TEACHER

GOODBYE CHILDREN. WE'LL MEET IN HEAVEN.

GULP

GGGGG

BANZAI! FOR THE EMPEROR!

-GGGK-

BANZAI! FOR THE JAPANESE EMPIRE!

-RETCH-

OKAY? HERE GOES! EVERYONE HANG ON!

KABOOM

199,000 JAPANESE SOLDIERS AND 100,000 OKINAWAN CIVILIANS DIED...

THE SPECTER OF DEATH PRESSED CLOSE AROUND JAPAN WHERE GEN AND HIS FAMILY LIVED...
SECOND STAR!
FIRST STAR!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, KIMIE? YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD!
$$$ PANT. PANT $$$

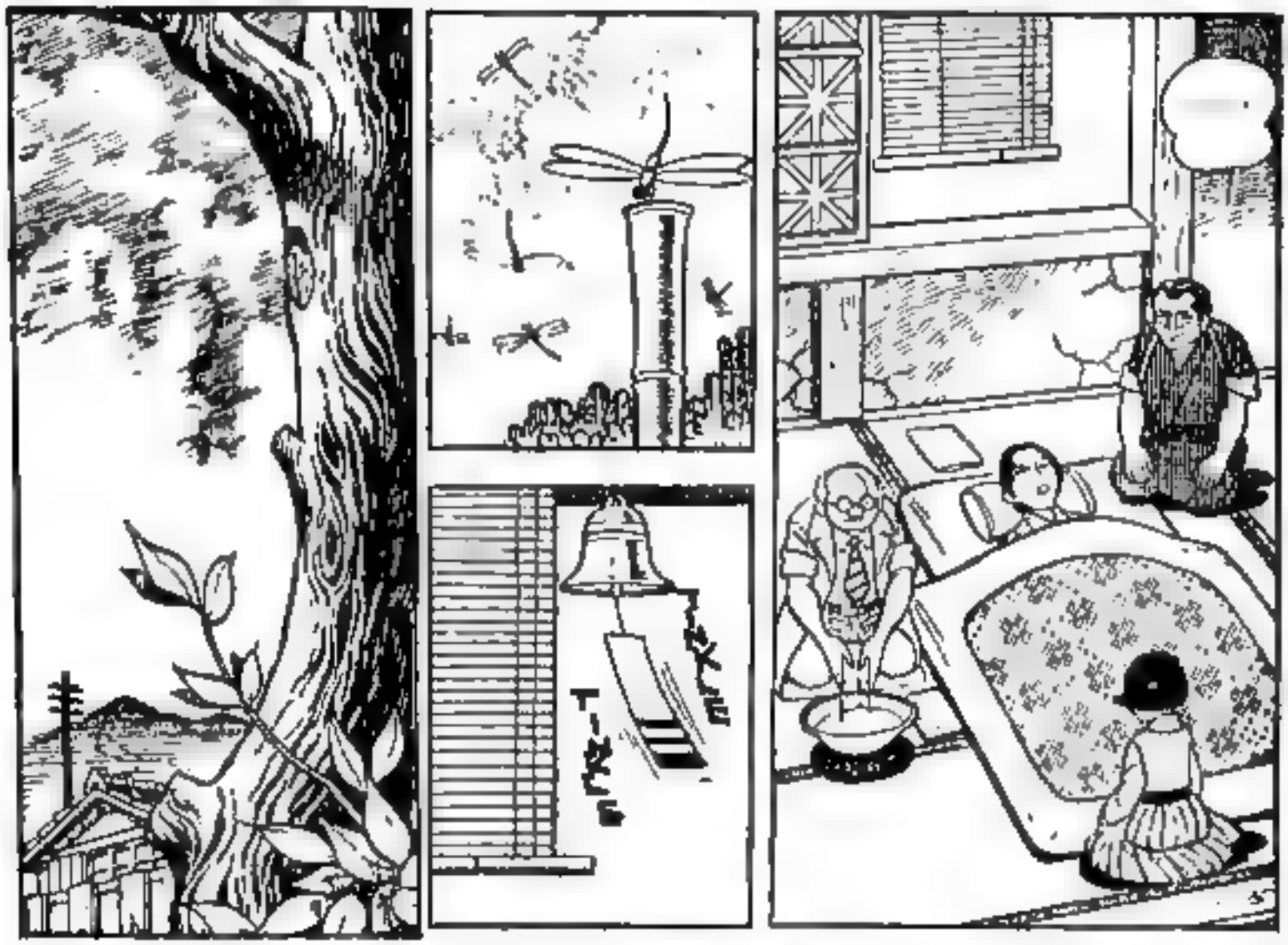
I-IT'S N-NOTHING..

CRASH

CRASH

GROOOAN
KIMIE! WHAT'S WRONG! TELL ME!

KIMIE!
UUUH, IT-IT HURTS...
GEN! SHINJI! EIKO! MAMA'S IN TROUBLE!
RUN GET THE DOCTOR, QUICK!!
TRIP
MAMA!!
K-KIMIE! KIMIAAY!! WHAT'S WRONG?!
MAAMA!!



UH-UH
-UH
DOCTOR... IS SHE...
UMMM LACK OF NOURISHMENT AND TOO MUCH WORK... HER BODY IS IN A RATHER WEAK CONDITION...
PLEASE HELP HER GET WELL QUICKLY!
HM ANYWAY, GET HER PLENTY OF NOURISHMENT AND KEEP HER QUIET, THAT'S ALL WE CAN DO FOR NOW
THESE DAYS IT'S NO GOOD TO TALK ABOUT GETTING PLENTY OF NOURISHMENT THERE'S JUST NOT ENOUGH TO EAT...

NOURISHMENT

WITH NO MEDICINE, EVEN A DOCTOR CAN'T DO MUCH

WE'RE IN TROUBLE. THERE'S NO MONEY AT ALL

UH, JH

オトウサン オカアサン

サイク サイク

FORGIVE ME KIMIE. IT'S NO WONDER YOU GOT SICK, I'VE BEEN MAKING YOU WORK EVERY DAY.. IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE WAR, IF IT JUST WEREN'T FOR THE WAR THERE'D BE NO SUCH THING AS LACK OF NOURISHMENT

I'LL JUST HAVE TO GET TO WORK AND TRY TO EARN ENOUGH TO BUY SOMETHING NOURISHING.

FORGIVE ME FOR ASKING SO MUCH OF YOU.

KER-CHUNK

HUH?

OH!

PAPA! ITS MORE THAN 5 YEN! WHO WOULD HAVE THROWN IT IN HERE?

PLEASE TAKE THIS MONEY AND BUY SOMETHING NOURISHING FOR HER TO EAT

W-WHO WOULD DO SUCH A KIND THING?

PAPA! IT MUST HAVE BEEN MR. PAK

HMMM. MR PAK, HUH?

WE'LL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS KINDNESS TAKE THIS AND BUY SOME GOOD FISH OR SOMETHING.

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK, PAPA!

THAT WAS REALLY, REALLY KIND I WONDER HOW I CAN EVER THANK HIM?

WHAT? WOW! THAT'S FISH, ISN'T IT? WHAT HAPPENED?

THERE WE GO IT'S DONE!

WOOW

MR PAK GAVE US SOME MONEY SO WE COULD BUY IT

CAN'T LET THIS SMELL GO TO WASTE.. I'LL JUST EAT IT'

HEY! CUT IT OUT! THIS FISH IS FOR MAMA!

HEE HEE HEE... THAT SURE SMELLS GOOD!

HERE MAMA EAT IT ALL UP AND GET WELL QUICK.

T-THANK YOU, E.KO.

I-IT'S GOOD...

HERE GEN. SHINJI HAVE SOME

CAN I, MAMA?!

CLOUK

SETTLE DOWN! MAMA'S SICK, SO JUST BE PATIENT!

THAT'S OKAY, MAMA! I'M FULL ALREADY...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PRETEND. I KNOW YOU'RE HUNGRY. GO AHEAD AND TAKE SOME

IT'S OKAY. MAMA EAT IT ALL UP AND GET WELL, OKAY?

RIGHT, SHINJI

UH, Y-YEAH..

GEN, SHINJI, WHY DON'T YOU GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY FOR A WHILE?

HUH? HOW COME?

DON'T YOU SEE? MAMA CAN'T EAT WITH YOU TWO SITTING HERE WATCHING HER.

OH! THAT'S RIGHT!

COME ON, SHINJI.

...

MAMA ...

WHAT IS IT, SHINJI?

-WHISPER WHISPER-

HEH HEH HEH

.....

MAMA! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

BOO HOO HOO.. I'M SORRY GEN, SHINJI! I'M SORRY ETKO! BOO HOO...

WHAT DID YOU SAY TO HER, SHINJI?

I ASKED HER IF SHE'D GIVE ME THE BONES WHEN SHE WAS DONE EATING, THAT'S ALL.

HAHAM

IDIOT!

WAAA! YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIT ME LIKE THAT! YOU STUPID BROTHER! WAAAA!

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NOT TO WORRY MAMA?! YOU UNDERSTAND? YOU BETTER ACT LIKE YOU HAVE A FULL STOMACH OR YOU'LL GET IT AGAIN!

Kerching

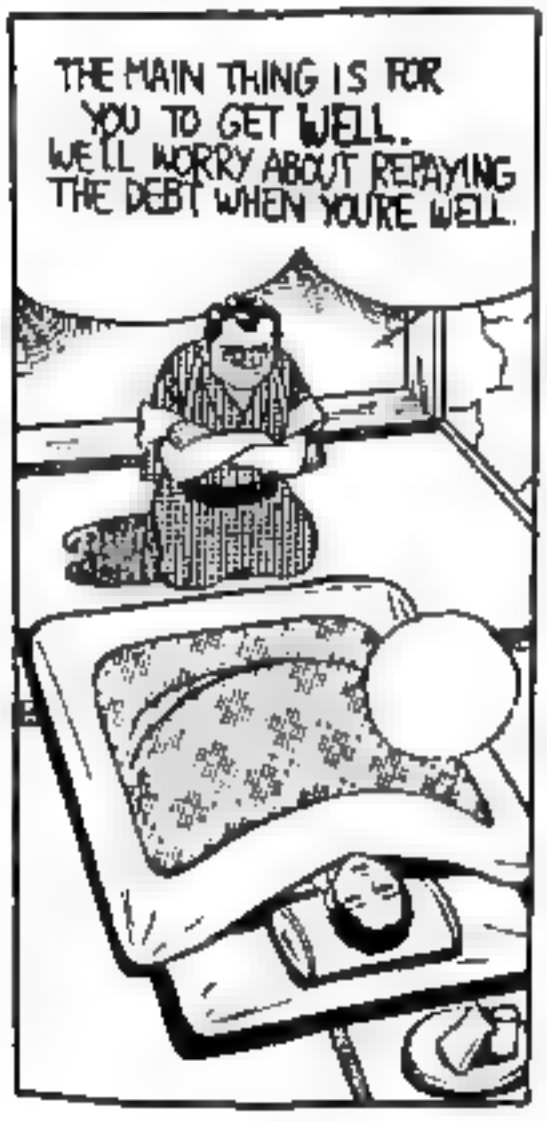
P-PAPA! SOMEONE TOSSED SOME MONEY OVER THE FENCE AGAIN?!
W-WHAT ?

PLEASE GET WELL SOON

T-THANK YOU, MR.PAK...

EIKO, BUY SOME MORE FISH OR SOMETHING
A-ALRIGHT

BUT IS IT ALL RIGHT, DEAR? TAKING MR.PAK'S MONEY?

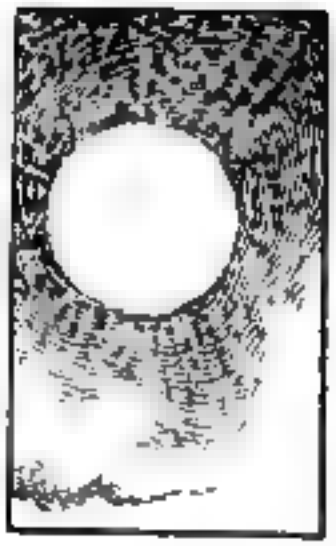

THE MAIN THING IS FOR YOU TO GET WELL. WE'LL WORRY ABOUT REPAYING THE DEBT WHEN YOU'RE WELL.

Kerching

PAPA, MORE MONEY
5 YEN AGAIN TODAY..

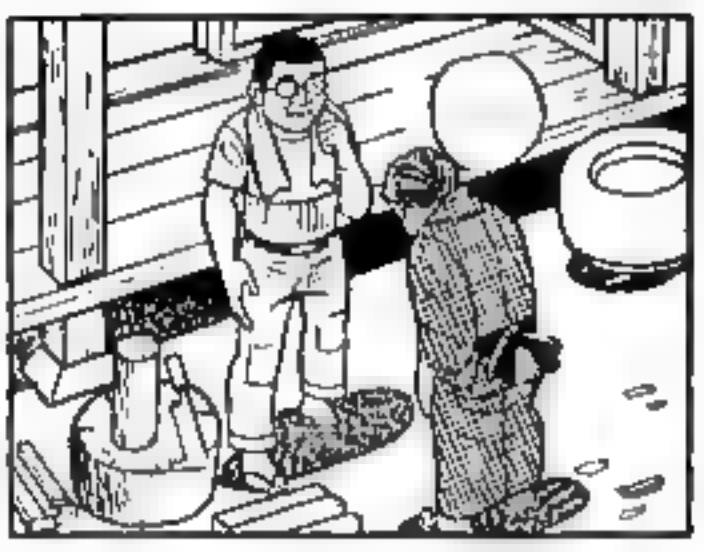
WE CAN'T TAKE HIS MONEY LIKE THIS FOREVER!
MR PAK MUST BE HAVING A ROUGH TIME OF IT TOO!

HMM
DEAR, PLEASE THANK HIM AND ASK HIM NOT TO THROW US ANY MORE MONEY IT BOTHERS ME. TAKING SO MUCH..



AH, HELLO MR NAKAOKA!
EXCUSE ME...

I HEARD YOUR WIFE WAS PRETTY ILL
THANK YOU, MR. PAK. HOW CAN I EVER EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE?



HUH?
ME? I-I THREW MONEY OVER TO YOU EVERY DAY? BUT, BUT YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN, MR NAKAOKA!

I THOUGHT OF SENDING OVER SOME FOOD OR SOMETHING BUT, WELL... THERE'S SO LITTLE. AND

T-THEN IT REALLY WASN'T YOU?

THAT'S RIGHT

PLEASE DON'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM ME, MR PAK.

IT REALLY WASN'T ME.

MMMM. THEN WHO IN THE WORLD ..?

IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ANYONE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD THEY ALL HATE ME AND CALL ME A TRAITOR.

I DON'T KNOW

.....

MM HM

HOMPF THAT GUY NAKAOKA'S WIFE IS FLAT ON HER BACK SICK, I HEAR GIVES ME A GOOD FEELING INSIDE TO KNOW HE'S BEEN PUNISHED FOR OPPOSING THE WAR

WE WENT AND MESSED UP THEIR NICE LITTLE WHEAT FIELD IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT .. YOU CAN'T LET TRAITORS GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING. THE MORE THEY SUFFER, THE BETTER!

DEAR, YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T PICK ON THE NAKAOKA'S SO MUCH

WHAT?

LATELY I'VE STARTED TO FEEL THAT MR NAKAOKA'S ANTI-WAR IDEAS ARE RIGHT AFTER ALL.

EVERY DAY WE HAVE TO RUN AROUND FLEEING FROM AIRRAIDS, THERE'S HARDLY ANYTHING TO EAT, AND...

THERE'S NOT ONE GOOD THING WE CAN SAY ABOUT THE WAR! WHAT DOES IT DO FOR US?

...

FOOL! IF JAPAN WINS THE WAR, THINGS WILL GET BETTER.

IS THAT SO? WELL, I FEEL A BIT LIKE I'VE BEEN TRICKED.

AH, I'M FINISHED. WHEN I TAKE THESE SASH CLIPS TO THE WHOLESALER TOMORROW, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A DECENT AMOUNT FOR THEM.

I'VE GOT TO GET SOMETHING FOR MY WIFE AND KIDS TO EAT...

MMMM

MORE!

MORE!

WAY OFF IN THE WOODS IN A LITTLE HOUSE. THERE LIVED AN OLD MAN AND THERE LIVED HIS OLD SPOUSE, HEIGH-HO!

HEEEY-EY! HEY, HO! HEIGH-HO!

LOOK AT THAT!

WOW!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

SOME BEGGARS ARE PERFORMING. THEY'RE PRETTY GOOD, YOU KNOW

IT SEEMS THEIR FATHER DIED IN THE WAR AND THEIR MOTHER DIED OF ILLNESS I FEEL SORRY FOR THEM.

WHAT!?

さあ決戦だ!!

HEY, HO! NOW THIS MAN LOVED HIS WIFE AND HIS WIFE LOVED HIM AND TOGETHER THEY MADE IT THROUGH THICK AND THIN, HEIGH-HO!

O-KAY, O-KAY

HEY THERE. MR SAWAICHI BETTER BE CAREFUL! BETTER NOT GO SO FAST IF YOU CAN'T SEE WHERE YOU'RE GOIN'!

CHUCKLE

HAHAHA HAHA

THEY'RE PRETTY GOOD!

CHUCKLE CHUCKLE

THEY'RE GOOD

GIVE 'EM SOME MONEY!

HEY! PICK UP THE MONEY LATER!

THANK YOU LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

HURRY UP. DO SOME MORE!

THEY'RE PRETTY CRAFTY BEGGARS AS SOON AS THEY GET THEIR MONEY. THEY QUIT!

WELL, THAT CONCLUDES OUR SHOW FOR TODAY. WE'LL BE BACK AGAIN TOMORROW. SAME TIME, SAME PLACE.

HEY BEGGARS! COME AGAIN TOMORROW, Y'HEAR?

GEN! THERE'S ALMOST 6 YEN HERE!

HEH HEH HEH WE DID PRETTY GOOD. LET'S GET BACK QUICK AND THROW THE MONEY INTO THE YARD!

:SIGH: WHY DON'T YOU TWO COME HOME WITH ME?

HUH?.. HOW COME?

WHENEVER I SEE CHILDREN YOUR AGE ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT IS MY TWO DEAD GRAND-CHILDREN..

YOU TWO LOST YOUR PARENTS IN THE WAR SO YOU HAVE TO BEG. YOU POOR THINGS

MY GRANDCHILDREN WERE BURNED TO DEATH IN AN AIR RAID ON TOKYO.

SURROUNDED BY FIRE WITH NO PLACE TO FLEE

MY DAUGHTER DUG FRANTICALLY IN THE ROAD, HOPING TO SAVE AT LEAST HER CHILDREN

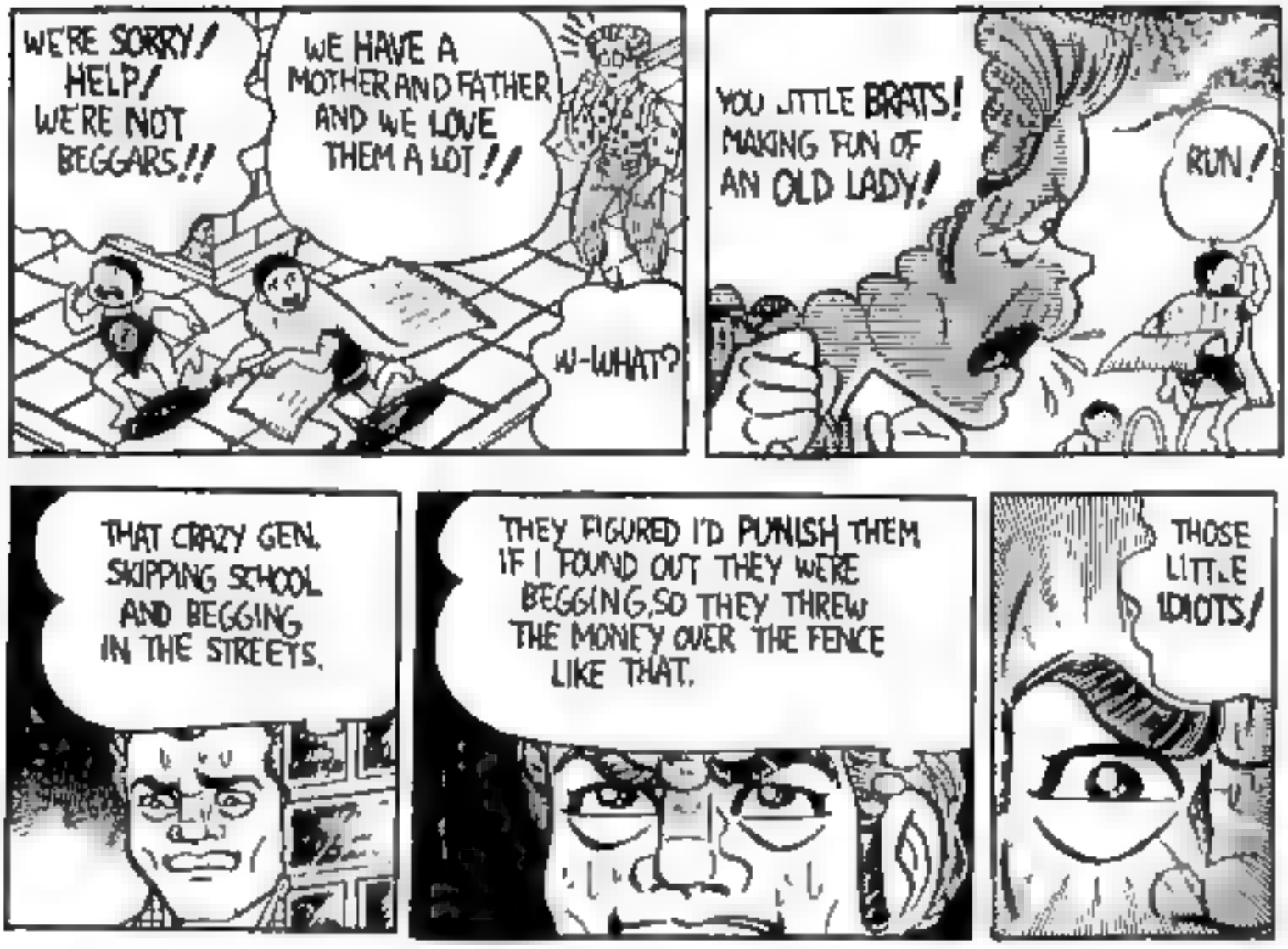
SHE FLUNG HERSELF OVER THEM TO SHIELD THEM FROM THE FLAMES WITH HER OWN BODY. BUT IT WAS NO USE.

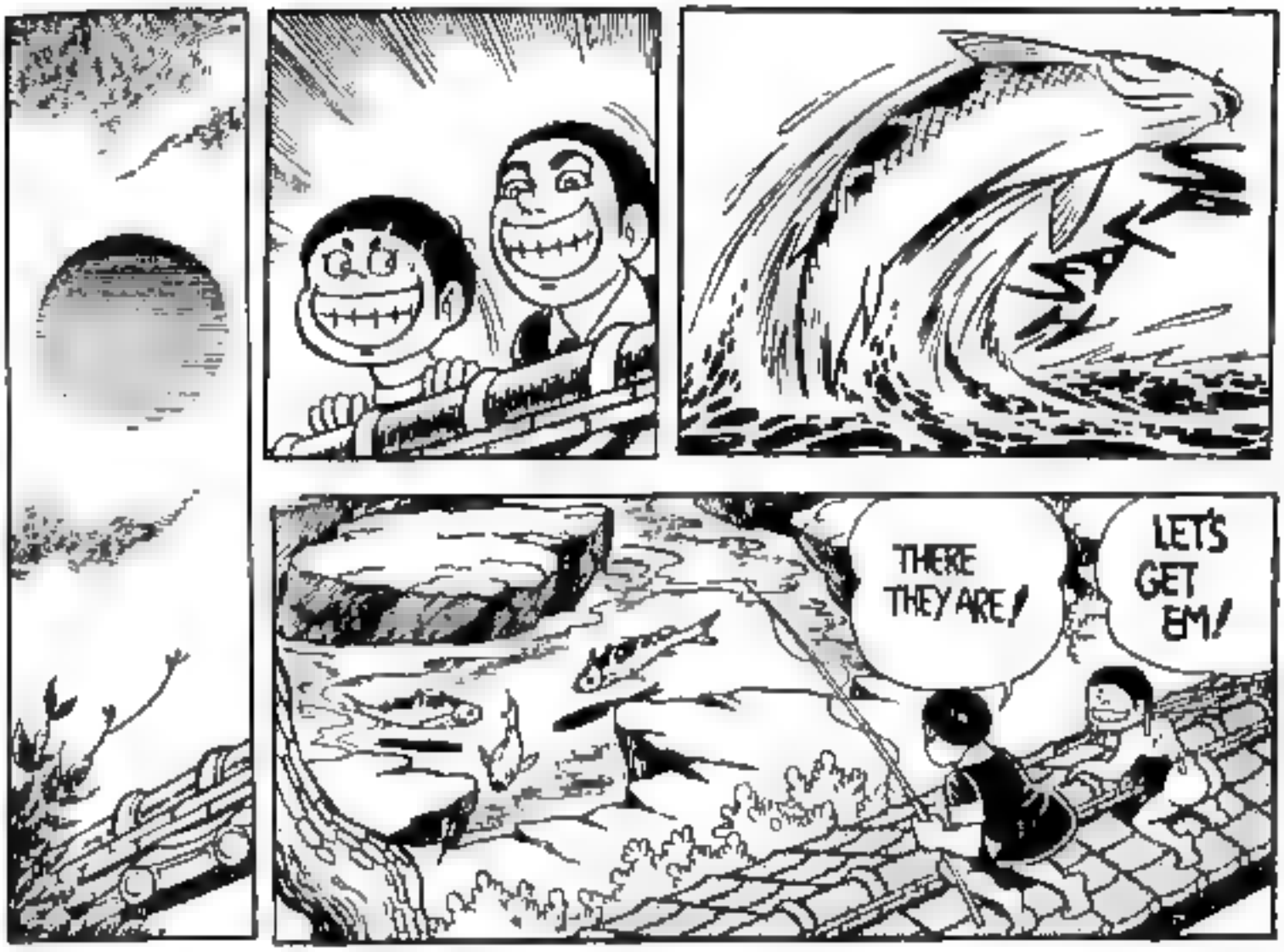
MY POOR, POOR GRANDCHILDREN

WHENEVER I REMEMBER THAT MY DARLING GRANDCHILDREN ARE NO LONGER IN THIS WORLD, THE PAIN STRIKES DEEP INSIDE ME--:SOB:

I'LL THINK OF YOU TWO AS MY GRANDCHILDREN AND TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU. COME ON NOW..
OH NO! WE'RE IN A MESS!

GEN! WHATRE WE GONNA DO?
I HATE TO DO IT. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE WE BETTER MAKE A RUN FOR IT!


WE'RE SORRY! HELP! WE'RE NOT BEGGARS!!
WE HAVE A MOTHER AND FATHER AND WE LOVE THEM A LOT!!
W-WHAT?
YOU LITTLE BRATS! MAKING FUN OF AN OLD LADY!
RUN!
THAT CRAZY GEN. SKIPPING SCHOOL AND BEGGING IN THE STREETS.
THEY FIGURED I'D PUNISH THEM IF I FOUND OUT THEY WERE BEGGING, SO THEY THREW THE MONEY OVER THE FENCE LIKE THAT.
THOSE LITTLE IDIOTS!
≦PUFF, PUFF≦ HEY, GEN. THAT WASN'T VERY NICE TO FOOL THAT OLD LADY LIKE THAT.
TOO BAD. WE DID IT FOR MAMA
BUZZ BUZZ
MR. KUMA IS SO SICK HE'S ABOUT TO DIE. ISN'T THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO?
BUZZ BUZZ
MUTTER MUTTER
THE BEST THING FOR A SICK PERSON IS FRESH CARP'S BLOOD! SOMEBODY GO GET A CARP, QUICK!
RIGHT!
GEN. DID YOU HEAR THAT?
YEAH. SO CARP IS GOOD FOR SICK PEOPLE.


THERE THEY ARE!
LET'S GET 'EM!

IT'LL BE OK TO TAKE JUST ONE CARP FROM A RICH FAMILY LIKE THIS.
YEAH
IDIOT! NOT SO LOUD!
COME ON CARP! COME AND GET IT!
GEN! I GOT ONE! HE'S JUST AS HUNGRY AS US!!

AAAK!

GEN! HELP!

SHINJI !!

SHINJI! HANG ON!

WAAAA! HELP, GEN! HE'S A MONSTER!

ARE YOU OKAY, SHINJI ?

HEY !

OOOPS! RUN, SHINJI!

YIPES!

GRAB

POW

YOU CARP THIEVES !

SSS OWWW SSS
YOU CAN BEAT US ALL YOU WANT, MISTER, JUST PLEASE GIVE US ONE CARP!
WHAT!?
WAAAA! WE'RE SORRY! MAMA'S SICK! SHE'S ABOUT TO DIE!
WE HEARD THAT FRESH CARP BLOOD WAS GOOD FOR SICK PEOPLE SO WE CAME TO GET ONE! WAAAA!
WE JUST WANT OUR MAMA TO GET WELL!
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IF MAMA DIES, SHE'S GONNA COME AND HAUNT YOU MISTER!
OH, SO NOW YOU'RE TRYING TO SCARE ME, HUH?
WAAAH
STOP CRYING!!
YOU CAN HELP YOURSELVES TO ONE CARP, BUT DON'T ACT LIKE THIEVES ANYMORE! UNDERSTAND?
I-IS IT REALLY OKAY, MISTER? YOU'LL LET US HAVE ONE?
I JUST DON'T WANT TO BE HAUNTED!

HEH HEH HEH YOU KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT YOU TAKE CARE OF YOUR MOTHER, YOU HEAR?

THANK YOU, SIR!

HMMM. I WISH I'D BEEN AS GOOD TO MY MOTHER. BUT SHE'S GONE, AND IT'S TOO LATE NOW.

T-THANK YOU, MISTER!

FORGET IT!

BEGGARS, BEGGARS FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER HOLDING THEIR BOWLS OUTSIDE THE GATE-HEY MISTER! GIVE US A BELLYFUL OF RICE!

PRETTY GOOD, HUH GEN? THAT MAN LOOKED MEAN, BUT HE TURNED OUT TO BE NICE AFTER ALL, HUH?

YUP, SURE DID!!

MAMA! WE BROUGHT YOU A CARP!!

WE'RE HOME!

AAK

OOPS

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GEN! SHINJI! COME HERE!

W-WHAT HAPPENED? P-PAPA LOOKS MAD!

HE MUST HAVE FOUND OUT WE WERE BEGGING, SHINJI!

GEN, I'M SCARED! WHAT'LL WE DO?!

HE'S GONNA BEAT US, FOR SURE.

ER...

GULP.

YOU LITTLE FOOLS!!

ACK

GEN! SHINJI! NO MORE BEGG NG, OK? OK?

SOB SOB THANK YOU DARLING. THANK YOU I'LL GET WELL NOW, FOR SURE

HEH HEH HEH

PRETTY GOOD, HUH GEN?

≒BOO HOO≒ I'M SURE LUCKY TO HAVE BOYS LIKE YOU TWO, I'M SURE LUCKY..

YOU GUYS ARE PRETTY GOOD WITH THAT SONG AND DANCE ROUTINE. WHY DON'T YOU GIVE YOUR MOTHER A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION?

AW, GEE...

COME ON, GEN!

-PLINK PLINK PLINK- HEY! HO-OO!

≒AHEM≒ WELL, ALTHOUGH WE'RE A BIT RUSTY...

HEY, HO! PLINK PLINK!

NOW THIS MAN LOVED HIS WIFE AND HIS WIFE LOVED H.11-MM!

HEWW!

♫ AND TOGETHER THEY MADE IT THROUGH TH.CK AND THIN! HEIGH, HO! NOW ONE FINE DAY IN THE MONTH OF JUNE... ♫

HEE

ALTHOUGH PEACE AND HAPPINESS REIGNED IN THE NAKAOKA HOUSE...

HAHA HAHA HAHA

IN THE NEW MEXICAN DESERT IN THE WESTERN PART OF AMERICA, THE FIRST ATOMIC EXPLOSION IN THE HISTORY OF THE HUMAN RACE WAS ABOUT TO OCCUR.

ATOP A 100-FOOT STEEL TOWER, A GRAPEFRUIT-SIZED CHUNK OF PLUTONIUM WAITED TO UNLEASH ITS FEARFUL POWER ON THE WORLD. THE DEADLY ATOMIC AGE WAS ABOUT TO DAWN.

AT THE TOP SECRET TESTING GROUND THE COUNTDOWN BEGAN. IT WAS 5:30 AM., JULY 16, 1945

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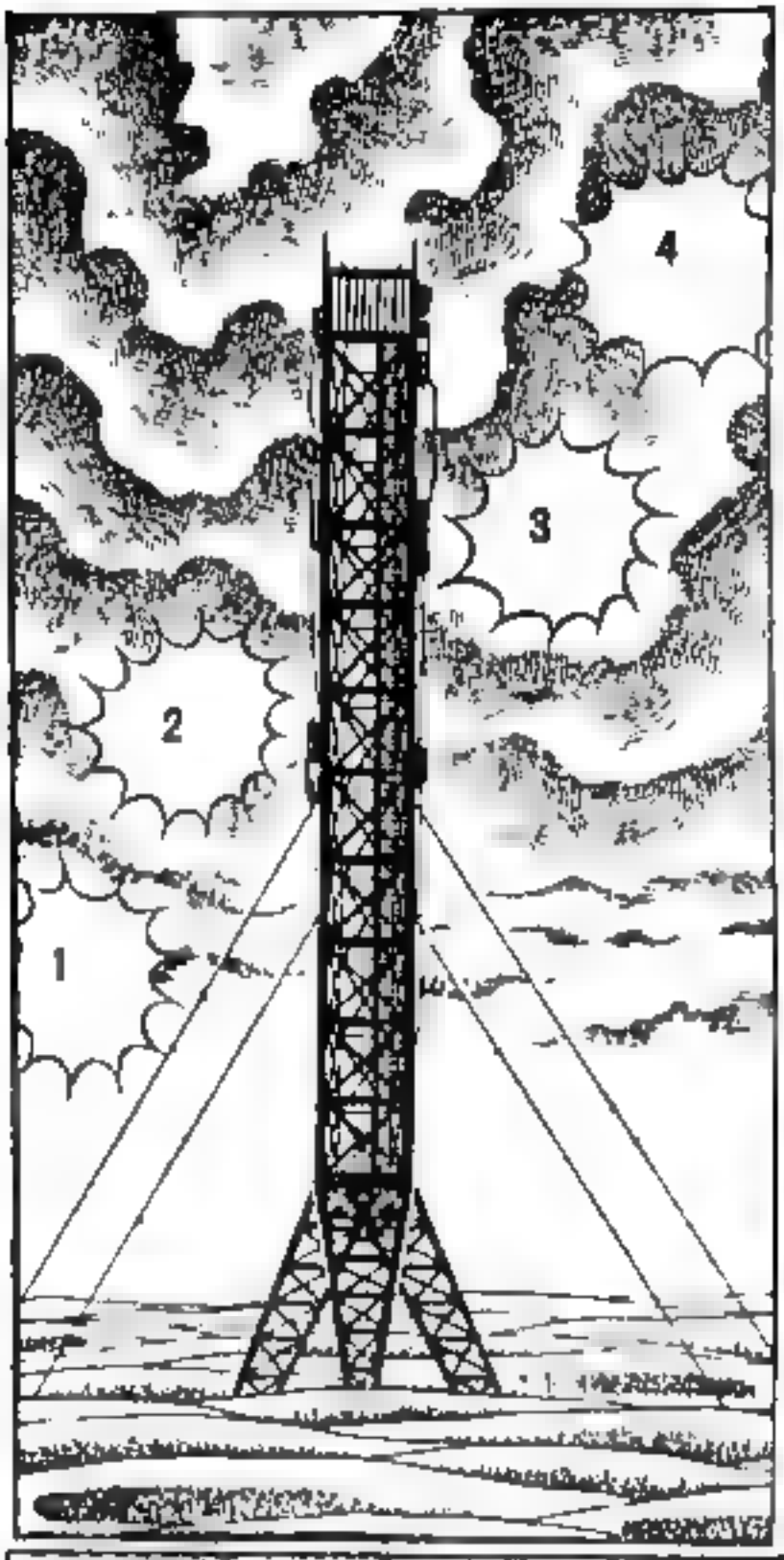
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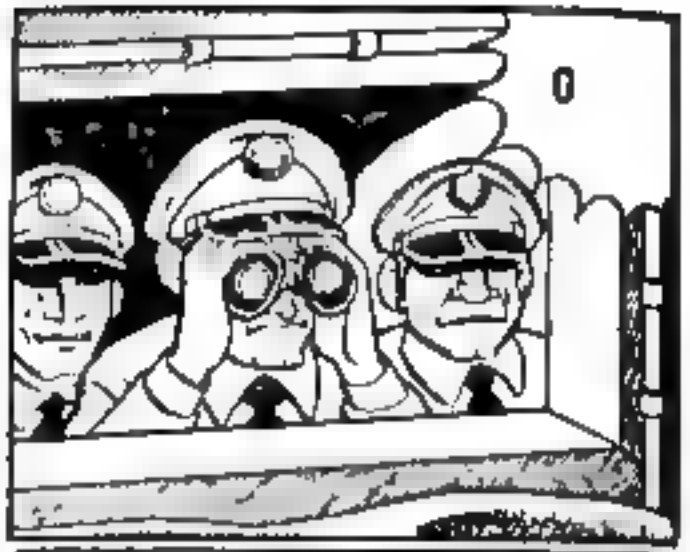
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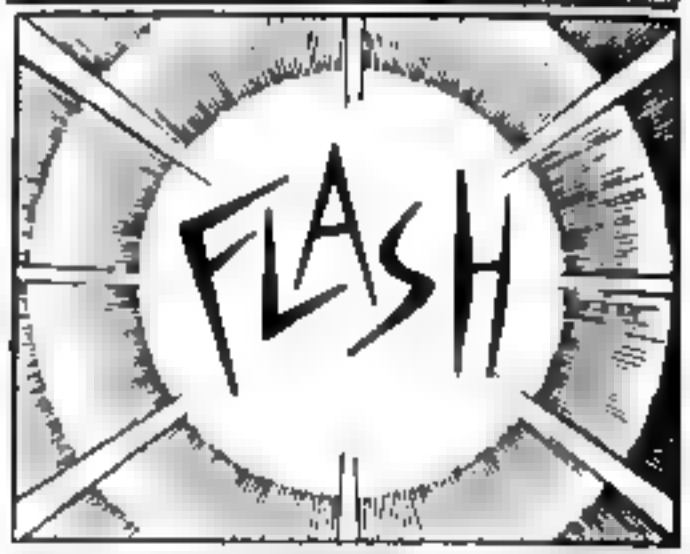
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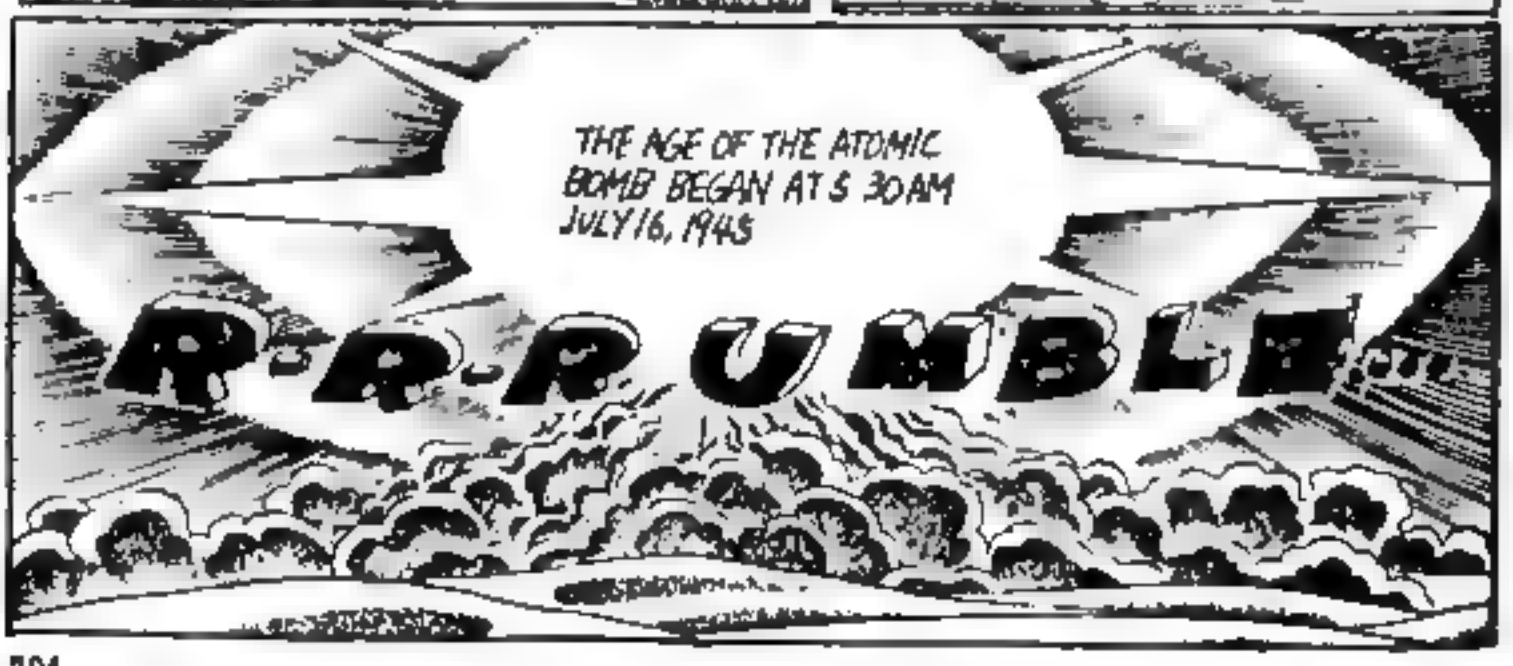
THE AGE OF THE ATOMIC BOMB BEGAN AT 5 30AM JULY 16, 1945
R-R-R-R-U-M-B-L-E!!!

THE GADGET'S FIRST-SIZED PIECE OF PLUTONIUM EXPLODED WITH THE POWER OF 20,000 TONS OF ORDINARY TNT IT MADE A BALL OF FIRE AS BRIGHT AS THE SUN AND A MUSHROOM SHAPED CLOUD WHICH ROSE TO THE HEIGHT OF 40,000 FEET

BOOM!

OH GOD! WHAT FEARFUL THING HAS MAN WROUGHT?

THE 100-FOOT STEEL TOWER WAS DESTROYED LEAVING ALMOST NO TRACE AND THE SCIENTISTS WERE DELIGHTED WITH THE GREATER THAN EXPECTED EXPLOSIVE POWER

THIS MEANS THE END OF THE WAR

YEAH, AFTER WE DROP TWO ON JAPAN

POSTER "NOW WE MUST FIGHT FOR THE HOMELAND!" "WIPE OUT THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH DEVILS!"

A FEW WEEKS LATER ON JULY 26 THE POTSDAM CONFERENCE WAS HELD AMONG THE 3 NATIONS FIGHTING JAPAN. AMERICA, BRITAIN AND CHINA. THE CONFERENCE PRESENTED JAPAN WITH A DEMAND FOR A CEASE-FIRE AND UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER. JAPAN WAS ALSO WARNED THAT FURTHER RESISTANCE WOULD ONLY RESULT IN THE DEFEAT OF HER ARMIES AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE JAPANESE HOMELAND. BUT

THE JAPANESE WARTIME LEADERS RETORTED THAT JAPAN WOULD CONTINUE FIGHTING TO THE LAST MAN

さあ本土決戦だ!!
撃滅鬼畜米英!!

ACCORDINGLY, AMERICA'S PLAN FOR THE ATOMIC BOMB DROP MOVED INTO THE PHASE OF ACTUAL OPERATION. A SECRET NEW ATOMIC BOMBER SQUADRON, THE 509TH COMPOSITE GROUP, HAD ALREADY BEEN FORMED

USA

MEXICO

CARIBBEAN

B-29 BOMBERS, STRIPPED OF MACHINE GUNS, BEGAN PRACTICE RUNS OVER MEXICO AND THE CARIBBEAN, CARRYING A DUMMY BOMB SHAPED LIKE A PUMPKIN

CONTINUING THE DRILL, THE B-29'S PARTICIPATED IN ACTUAL BOMBING RAIDS ON JAPANESE CITIES.

THE TIDE OF THE WAR IS TURNING AND THINGS ARE GETTING ROUGH. BUT AS LONG AS THE SPIRIT OF YAMATO PREVAILS, THE JAPANESE EMPIRE WILL WIN IN THE END

YOU YOUNG MEN ARE OUR HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. WORK HARD EVERY DAY SO YOU CAN FIGHT FOR JAPAN ON THE FRONT LINES!

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A B C

FLAP FLAP

IDIOT! YOU GOOFED AGAIN!

HANADA, YOU ARE A COMPLETE BLOCKHEAD! YOU THINK YOU CAN BECOME AN IMPERIAL SOLDIER IF YOU KEEP THAT UP?!

YOU NUMB-SKULL!

NOW WE'RE ALL GONNA CATCH IT AGAIN FOR HANADA'S GOOF-UP

THAT DOPE. I WISH HE WAS IN SOME OTHER PLATOON

OH NO!

OKAY YOU BUNCH OF MONKEYS. TAKE OFF! YOU'RE GONNA RUN FIVE MILES!

THUD THUD THUD

PUT EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT INTO IT! RUN!

THUD THUD THUD

OW, OW, OW!

:PUFF PUFF:: I-I CAN'T GO ON! MY HEART'S GONNA BURST!

...PUFF PUFF...

...HUFF HUFF

QUIT LAGGING! GET GOING!

OOF

HANADA, YOU CREAMPUFF, STAND UP! STAND UP!

YOU IDIOT!!

YOU GUYS MAKE ME SICK! LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO POUND A LITTLE NAVY SPIRIT INTO YOU!

CHATTER CHATTER

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, HANADA!

SPREAD YOUR LEGS. STICK YOUR BUTT OUT, AND CLENCH YOUR TEETH!

WHACK!

IDIOT!

IDIOT!

IDIOT!

IDIOT!

IDIOT!

WELL? DID THAT GET ANYTHING THROUGH TO YOU?
THANK YOU SERGEANT OKAWARA!!
DIS-MISSED!
STARTING TOMORROW THE DRILL GETS TOUGHER!
OOOH I THINK HE BROKE A BONE OR SOMETHING!
-GROAN- MY BUTT IS BROKEN. IT'S BLEEDING
WHY DID I EVER COME HERE?
I NEVER SHOULD HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR YOUTH TRAINING!
IT ALL LOOKED SO GLORIOUS WHAT A FOOL I WAS I NEVER THOUGHT I'D JUST BE BEATEN ALL THE TIME. I CAN'T TAKE IT!
HANADA, YOU CREEP! YOU CAN GO TO HELL!
HEY, CUT IT OUT, KONNO! HANADA'S DOING THE BEST HE CAN.
I JUST WANNA GO HOME, NAKAOKA
BUCK UP, HANADA
-GROAN- I'M NOT GONNA BE ABLE TO SLEEP TONIGHT. IT HURTS TOO MUCH
OOOH, MY BUTT'S ON FIRE!

DAY AFTER DAY, KOJI AND HIS COMPANIONS CONTINUED THEIR MILITARY DRILL AND STUDY. THE UNTHINKING OBEDIENCE OF A SOLDIER WAS POUNDED INTO THEM WITHOUT LETUP.

UMPH

HANADA! YOU'VE GOT ALL THE GUTS OF A COCKROACH! YOU CAN'T EVEN WRESTLE! HOW CAN YOU DEFEAT THE ENEMY?!

WHAM

YOU BLOCK-HEAD!

LEAVE HIM ALONE!

HANADA'S OUT COLD!

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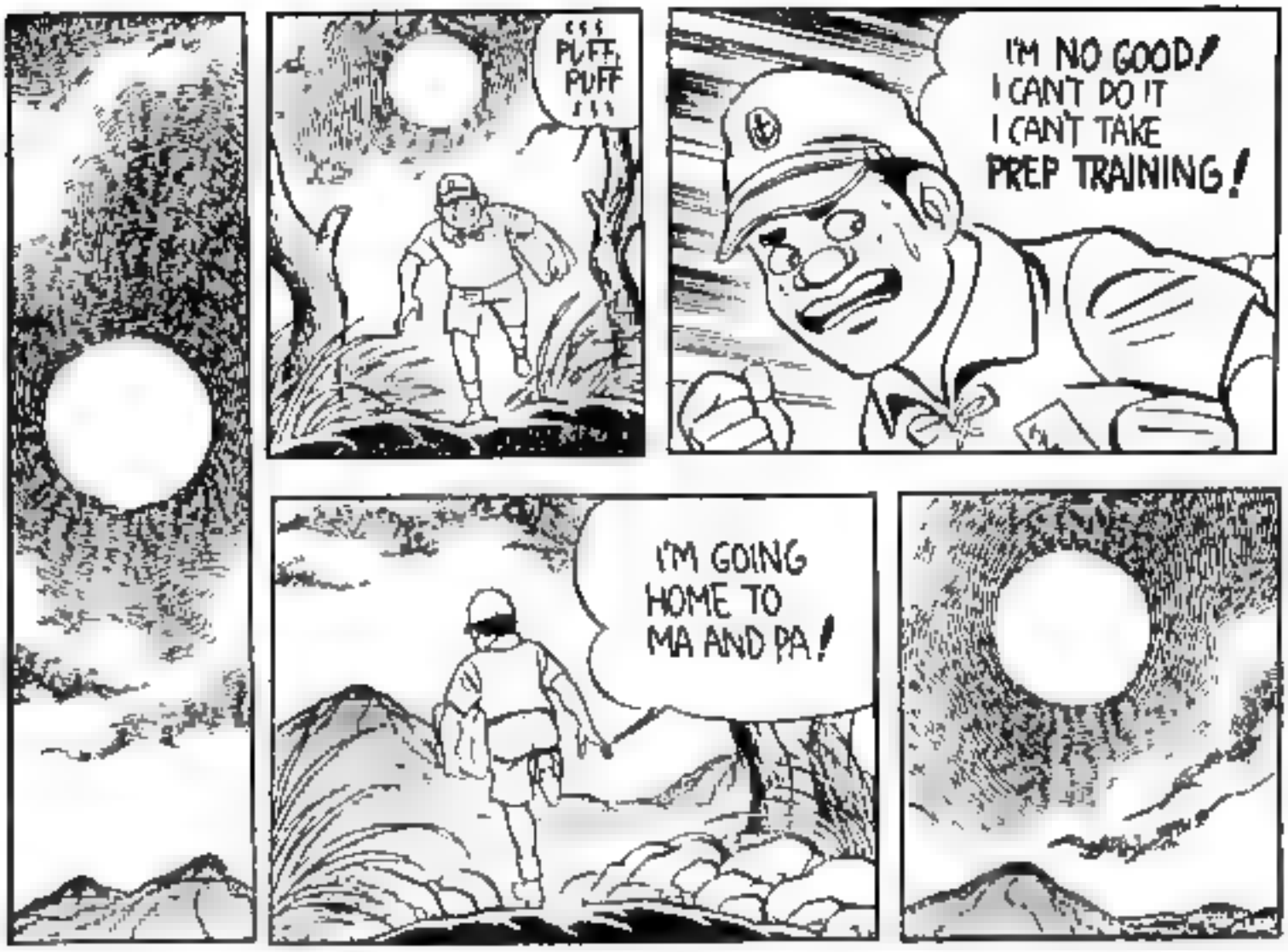
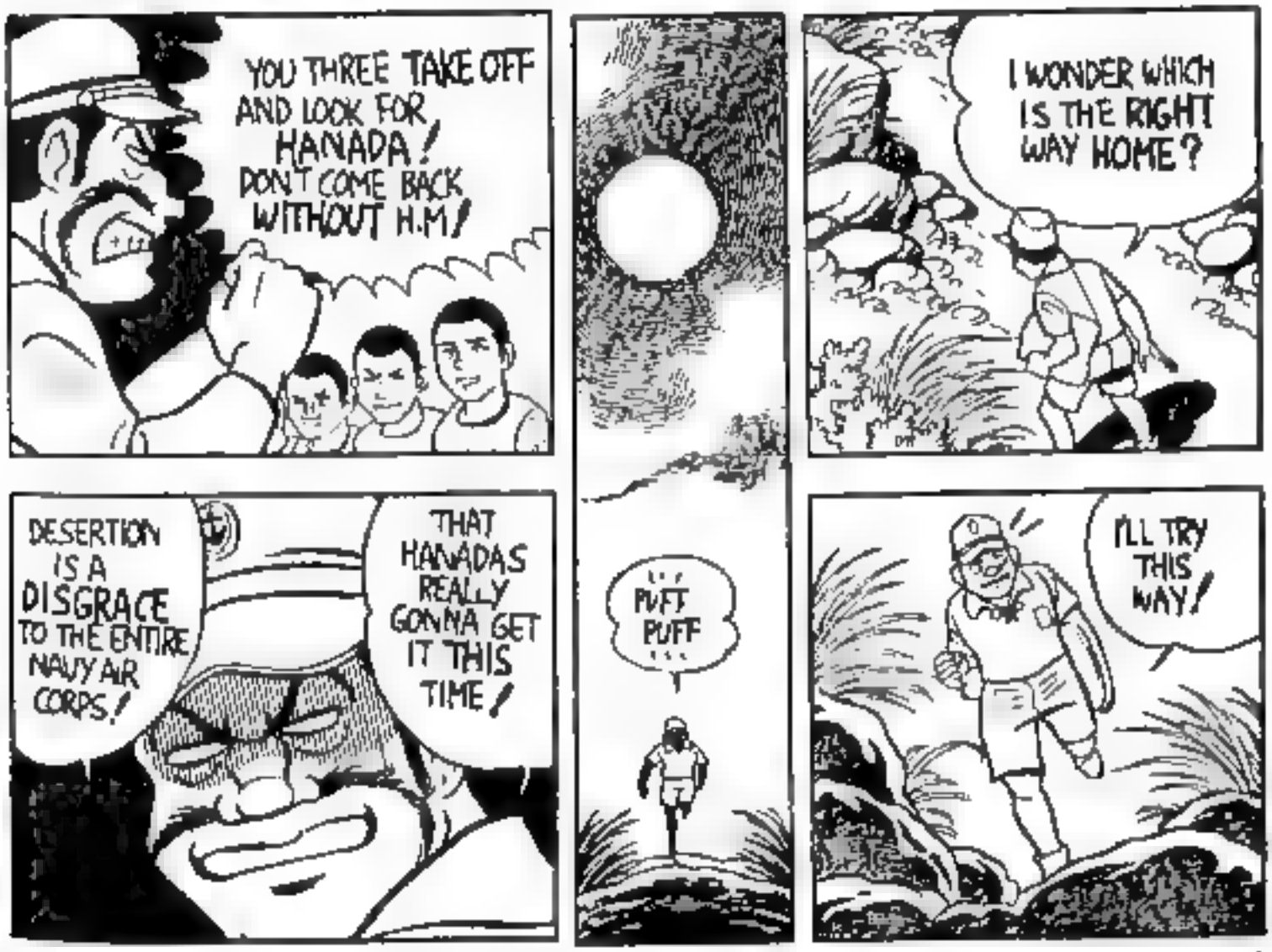

PUFF, PUFF
I'M NO GOOD! I CAN'T DO IT I CAN'T TAKE PREP TRAINING!
I'M GOING HOME TO MA AND PA!

精神棒
BANG!
WHY DIDN'T ANY OF YOU NOTICE WHEN HANADA RAN AWAY!
ER
ER
STICK OUT YOUR BUTTS!
HANADA'S DESERTION IS THE WHOLE PLATOON'S RESPONSIBILITY! I'LL TEACH YOU A LESSON!
WHACK
IDIOT!!

IDIOT!
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
THAT TURKEY, HANADA
~GROAN~
~GROAN~


YOU THREE TAKE OFF AND LOOK FOR HANADA! DON'T COME BACK WITHOUT H.M!
I WONDER WHICH IS THE RIGHT WAY HOME?
DESERTION IS A DISGRACE TO THE ENTIRE NAVY AIR CORPS!
THAT HANADAS REALLY GONNA GET IT THIS TIME!
PUFF PUFF
I'LL TRY THIS WAY!

CRUNCH
RUMBLE RUMBLE
CRUNCH
OHHH .. M-MY LEG'S BROKEN!
I-T HURTS I HOPE SOMEONE COMES.
YAAAH! HELP!
OWWW, IT HURTS! HELP!
HUFF HUFF
PUFF PUFF
WHERE DID HANADA GO ANYWAY?
HE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THAT FAR YET!
THAT'S HANADA'S VOICE!
HEEEY! SOMEONE HE-HELP ME-E-E! MY LEGS BROKEN! I CAN'T MOVE!
NO MATTER WHERE HE WENT THE MILITARY POLICE WOULD HAVE CAUGHT HIM ANYWAY.
THAT'S HIM ALL RIGHT WHAT A DOPE.

OVER THERE!

I-GRRAN!

WHA-? OH, IT'S YOU, NAKAOKA!

HEY, HANADA C'MON, PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER.

PLEASE, NAKAOKA! TAKE ME HOME! LET ME GO HOME! I CAN'T TAKE THE AIR CORPS ANYMORE! PLEASE!

YOU COWARD, HANADA! YOU CALL YOURSELF JAPANESE? DIDN'T WE ALL VOLUNTEER TO BECOME PILOTS FOR OUR COUNTRY?!

EVEN IF THE TRAINING'S ROUGH, RUNNING AWAY IS BEING A TRAITOR!!

A-A TRAITOR!

SHUT UP! YOU'RE THE DISGRACE OF THE 24TH SESSION!!

PLEASE! LET ME GO THIS TIME!

W-WAIT, KONNO! HANADA DID THE BEST HE COULD, DIDN'T HE?

ARE YOU TRYING TO DEFEND HIM, NAKAOKA?

WELL, HANADA, LET'S GO BACK TO THE BASE. YOU WOULDN'T WANT YOUR PAPA AND MAMA TO BE TREATED AS TRAITORS BECAUSE YOU RAN AWAY, WOULD YOU?

I'LL EVEN ASK THE SERGEANT TO LET YOU OFF EASY!

I-I'M SORRY, NAKAOKA! YOU'RE TOO GOOD TO ME! YOU'RE MY ONLY FRIEND HERE!

HANADA, THIS SQUADRON HAS A LONG HISTORY AND TRADITION AND YOU ARE A SHAME AND A DISGRACE TO IT! I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU SUCH A DOSE OF NAVY SPIRIT, YOU WON'T EVER BE ABLE TO RUN AWAY AGAIN!

SERGEANT, SIR.. PLEASE LET HANADA OFF. PLEASE SIR...

NAKAOKA, YOU HAVE A BIG MOUTH.

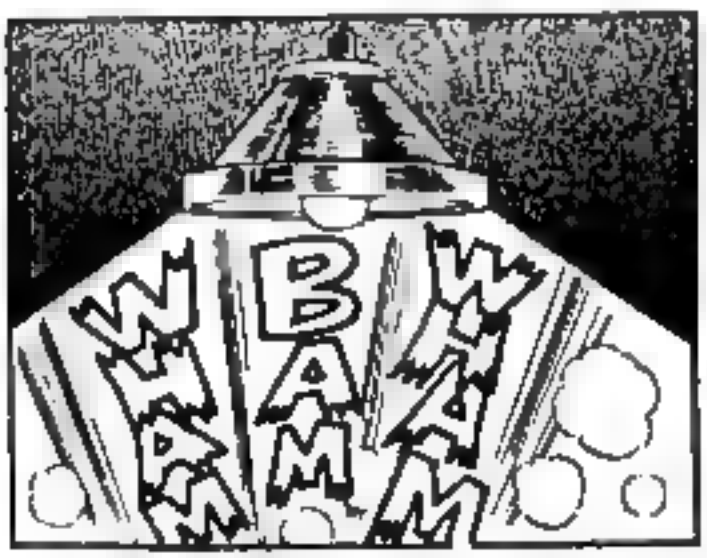
GET OUT OF HERE!!

HANADA, YOU'VE CAUSED ME NO END OF TROUBLE!

THIS OUGHT TO STRAIGHTEN YOU OUT, YOU MISERABLE
WHACK

YOU DISLOYAL SCUM!

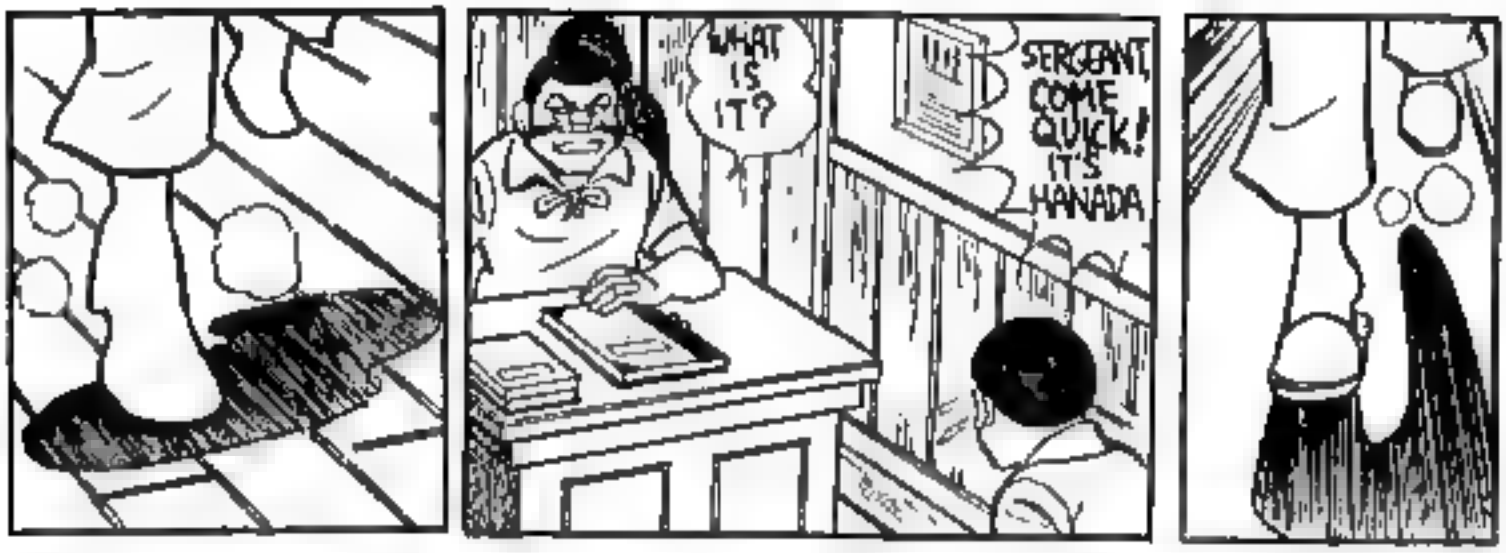
YOU CUR!


WHAM
BAM
WHAM

ERKK
PHEW

FIX HIM UP!
GASP CHOKE

I-I HATE IT! I HATE THIS PLACE! I'VE HAD ENOUGH!


WHAT IS IT?
SERGEANT, COME QUICK! IT'S HANADA

GASP
H-HURRY UP! GET HIM DOWN!
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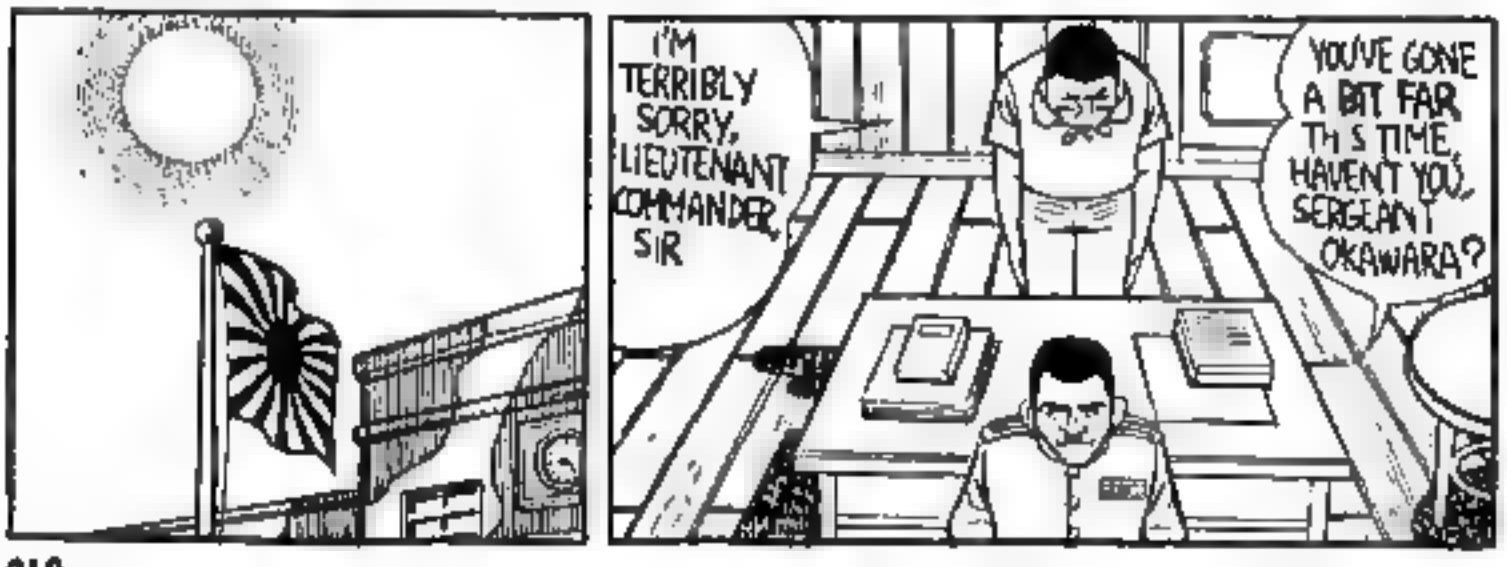
Y-YOU, YOU.... HANADA'S SUICIDE IS ALL BECAUSE OF YOU!


I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, SIR
YOU'VE GONE A BIT FAR THIS TIME, HAVEN'T YOU, SERGEANT OKAWARA?

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT NOW WE WILL JUST SAY THAT HANADA MET WITH AN ACCIDENT AND DIED HONORABLY DURING TRAINING

YESSIR. THANK YOU SIR

FROM NOW ON, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DRILL THEM WITHOUT ANY OF THEM DYING?

YESSIR

THOSE RATS! "DIED HONORABLY DURING TRAINING"!!

SOLDIERS ARE A BUNCH OF MANIACS!

FORGIVE ME HANADA! YOU ASKED ME TO TAKE YOU BACK HOME, AND IF I'D KNOWN THIS WOULD HAPPEN, I'D HAVE DONE IT. PLEASE FORGIVE ME, HANADA!

DOES EVERYONE UNDERSTAND? HANADA DIED ACCIDENTALLY, AN HONORABLE DEATH. HE DIED HAPPILY FOR OUR COUNTRY, FOR THE EMPEROR.

THAT RAT OKAWARA! HE BEATS HANADA TO DEATH, THEN HE ACTS LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED!

IS THIS THE WAY JAPANESE IMPERIAL SOLDIERS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE? IT'S INSANE, COMPLETELY INSANE!

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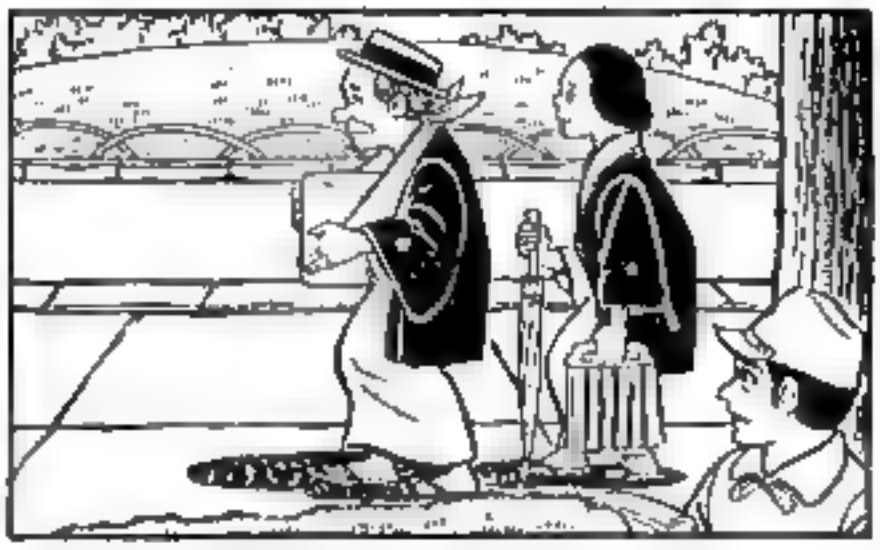
HOW'RE YOU DOING BROTHER? WE'RE ALL FINE.
MAMA WAS SICK FOR A WHILE, BUT SHE'S O.K NOW.

HANG IN THERE, KOJI! THE YOUTH TRAINING CORPS MUST BE REAL NEAT- ME AND SHINJI BRAG ABOUT YOU ALL THE TIME!
WHEN I GROW UP I'M GOING TO JOIN THE YOUTH TRAINING CORPS TOO! WELL, BYE FOR NOW...

GEN.. YOUTH TRAINING, THE MILITARY-- IT'S HELL!
IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU SHOULD JOIN BECAUSE YOU THINK IT'S NEAT.



EXCUSE ME, ARE YOU HANADA'S MOTHER AND FATHER?
THAT'S RIGHT

I'M NAKAOKA, A FELLOW CADET OF HANADA'S...
OH, THEN YOU MUST HAVE BEEN A GOOD FRIEND OF HIS.

TERUKICHI WAS A LUCKY BOY EVEN IF IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, HE DIED SERVING THE COUNTRY. AND THE EMPEROR.

TERUKICHI IS THE PRIDE OF THE HANADA FAMILY WE'RE SO GRATEFUL...

WE CAN GO BACK TO OUR VILLAGE WITH OUR HEADS HELD HIGH.

ACTUALLY, SIR, TERUKICHI'S DEATH

WHAT ?!

T-TERUKICHI COULDN'T TAKE THE TRAINING, SO HE RAN AWAY. AND HE FINALLY HUNG HIMSELF .?!

WHAT ARE YOU TA-KING ABOUT?!

TERUKICHI DIED HONORABLY IN AN ACCIDENT DURING TRAINING! THE COMMANDER HIMSELF SAID SO!

I-I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH

NO! TERUKICHI DIED HONORABLY FOR HIS COUNTRY! DON'T TAKE AWAY OUR GLORY! DON'T DESTROY OUR DREAM!

D-DREAM ?

YES! OUR DREAM THAT TERUKICHI WOULD DIE IN THE WAR FOR HIS COUNTRY!

. . .
DON'T EVER SAY SUCH STUPID THINGS AGAIN!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT- REJOICING OVER THEIR OWN SON'S DEATH! I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
YES, YES.
LET'S GO HOME.

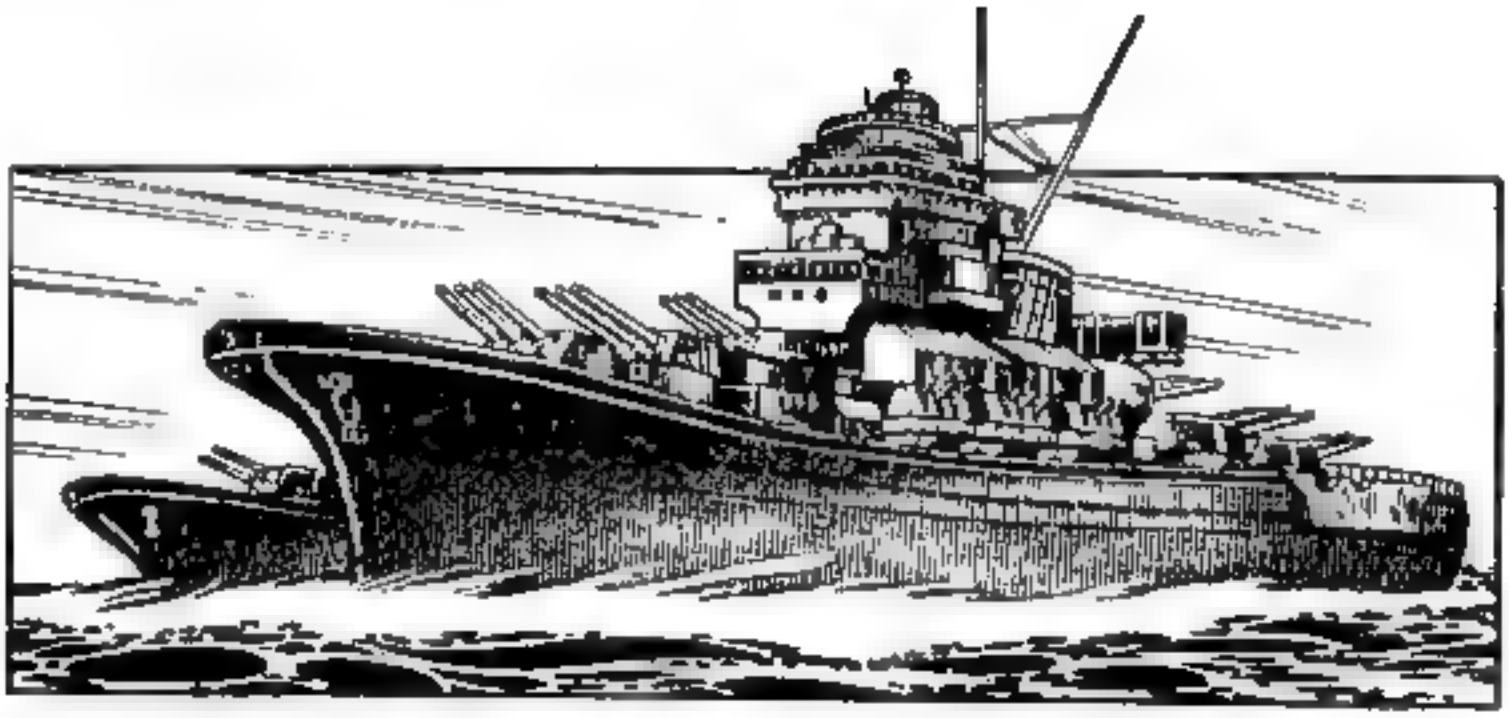
JUST LIKE PAPA SAID, THE WAR HAS DRIVEN THE WHOLE COUNTRY MAD!
IT'S HORRIBLE! REALLY HORRIBLE!

CHUCKLE CHUCKLE.

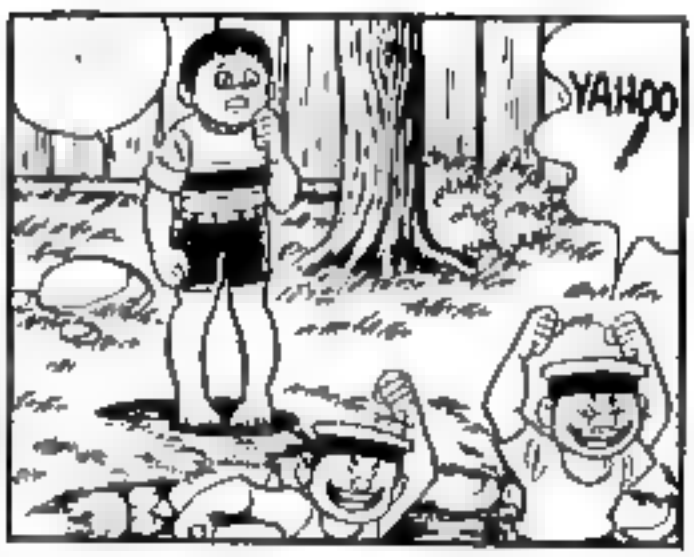
HAHAHA
HAHA

HANADA, THERE JUST WASN'T ANY PLACE FOR YOU. YOU TRIED TO LIVE FOR YOURSELF LIKE A HUMAN BEING, NOT FOR YOUR COUNTRY OR THE EMPEROR.
BUT THEY GOT YOU IN THE END.

W-WHY WHY CAN'T EVERYONE THINK? USE THEIR HEADS FOR ONCE?
ARE THEY GOING TO BE SLAVES TO THIS HOAX OF A WAR FOREVER?
UNLESS JAPANESE PEOPLE START STICKING UP FOR THEMSELVES, THE WAR WILL NEVER END!
DAMN! HOW LONG WILL IT GO ON, ANYWAY? THIS HATEFUL AGE OF WAR?!
THE TIME'S GOT TO COME WHEN WE CAN ALL LIVE FREELY, LIKE HUMAN BEINGS..
♫ WE ARE THE YOUTH TRAINING CORPS WITH OUR HEARTS AFLAME AN ANCHOR AND A CHERRY BLOSSOM UPON OUR GOLDEN BUTTONS. ♫
♫ TODAY WE FLY AGAIN WHERE THE CLOUDS SHINE WITH A GREAT BRIGHT HOPE IN THE SKIES OVER KASUMI-GAURA ♫



WE'RE THE GREAT IMPERIAL JAPANESE NAVY SETTING OUT TO SMASH THE ENEMY AMERICAN FLEET! DA-DA-DA-DOMM!
WHITE POTATOES, SWEET POTATOES, LAY 'EM IN A ROW. ROAST 'EM ON A SPIT


YAHOO

HUH? YOU STILL HERE, SHINJI?
YOCHAN, LET ME PLAY TOO.

SCRAM! MY SHIP'LL BE RUINED IF A TRAITOR'S KID TOUCHES IT! GO ON HOME!

BLEAAGH!
PLEASE, JUST ONCE! PLEASE LET ME BORROW IT!

IF YOU WANT ONE, GET YOUR OWN.
MY FAMILY'S TOO POOR, I CAN'T!

HMMPH. IF YOU REALLY WANT TO BORROW IT SO BAD..
Y-YEAH ?
IF YOU DROP YOUR PANTS AND BARK LIKE A DOG, YOU CAN BORROW IT.
R-REALLY? I'LL DO IT!
BOW WOW
ARF ARF
I DID IT NOW GIVE IT TO ME
STUPID! WHO SAID TO DO IT ONCE? DO IT 100 TIMES!
IF YOU DON'T, YOU CAN'T BORROW IT!
THAT'S NOT FAIR!!
I-I'LL DO IT.
BOW WOW
BOW WOW
YAAH! THE TRAITOR'S DOG IS BARKING!
HA HA HA! BARK LOUDER!
SHINJI!

YOU FOOL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I WANNA BORROW THAT BATTLESH.P, GEN

IDIOT! DON'T MAKE A FOOL OF YOURSE..F!

BUT, WANNA PLAY WITH THE BATTLESHIP!

WHAP

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY PRIDE?

RUN!

UH OH

YOU PUNKS! HOW DARE YOU MAKE FUN OF SHINJI!

IF YOU WANT SOME RESPECT, GET A SHIP LIKE M.NE!

NYAAH! GEN NAKAOKA THE TRAITOR STINKS!!

WHAT-!

WAIT

YAAH YAAH

D-DAMN! IF I EVER CATCH THEM, I'LL SKIN 'EM ALIVE!

DON'T BE SUCH A WEAKLING SHINJI!

WAAH YOU STUPID BROTHER! I COULDA BORROWED THAT BATTLESHIP!

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WAAH!! I WANNA BATTLESHIP TOO!!

SHINJI, LET'S GO PLAY

NO! I HATE YOU!

=SOB= I WANNA BATTLESHIP!

FORGET IT. WE'RE GOING HOME

=SNIFF= I WANNA BATTLESHIP

HMPH. DO WHAT YOU LIKE...

DAMN! I'D LIKE TO GET A BATTLESHIP FOR OL' SHINJI

WHA

SIGN HORIKAWA GLASS

W-WOW. THAT'S SOME SHIP! IF I GAVE IT TO SHINJI ..

HE'D BE HAPPY FOR SURE!

BE SENSIBLE.

YOU PROMISED TO PAY OFF YOUR DEBT TODAY, MR. HORIKAWA.
DON'T BE SO UNCOOPERATIVE!

I'M TRULY SORRY.
PLEASE, WAIT A BIT LONGER. I BEG OF YOU

YOU'LL HAVE TO MOVE OUT OF HERE! YOU HAVEN'T PAID THE RENT IN SIX MONTHS!

I'VE BEEN PROVIDING YOU WITH GLASS AND YOU HAVEN'T REPAID ME IN FIVE MONTHS IF IT COMES TO THIS, I'LL TAKE ALL THE GLASS BACK.

PLEASE, GIVE ME MORE TIME, JUST A LITTLE MORE TIME!
I'LL PAY MY DEBTS WITHOUT FAIL!

I SWEAR TO YOU...

YOU MAKE THINGS DIFFICULT, MR HORIKAWA. WHAT CAN WE DO? WE'LL WAIT ONE MORE DAY
HAVE YOUR DEBT ALL PAID OFF TOMORROW.

IF YOU DON'T PAY UP TOMORROW I'LL KICK YOU OUT
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE

FORGIVE ME, DEAR I'M TOO SICK TO HELP

AAAAAH !-IF I ONLY HAD THIS LEG
I'D WORK LIKE MAD AND I COULD PAY OFF MY DEBTS..

ALL BECAUSE I GOT SENT TO THE FRONT
IT GOT BLOWN OFF BY A MINE AND NOW I CAN'T WALK FREELY TO FIND WORK.

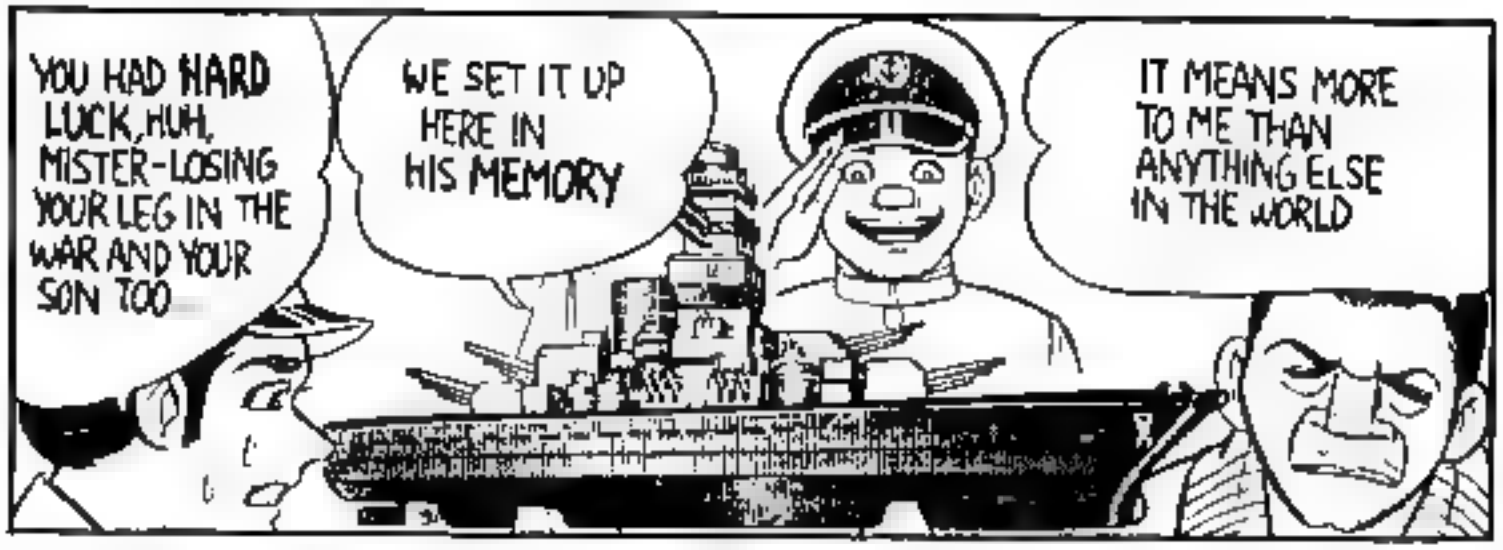
HANAYO, I CAN'T STAND IT/ IF I HADN'T GONE TO WAR, WOULDN'T BE SO
EVEN WITH ONE LEG, DEAR, YOU CAME HOME ALIVE WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THAT

I HATE IT, THIS WAR THAT TOOK MY LEG AND NOW, THE FAMILY GLASS STORE HAS TO GO TOO

WHAT CAN DO FOR YOU?
ER-HEH HEH.. THAT'S A REAL FINE BATTLESHIP, MISTER-WHAT WOULD YOU SELL IT FOR?

THAT ISN'T FOR SALE NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU OFFERED, I COULDN'T SELL IT
WHATS THE BIG DEAL?

THIS SHIP MEANT A LOT TO MY ONLY SON WHEN HE WAS LITTLE
MY SON VOLUNTEERED FOR THE YOUTH TRAINING CORPS AND DIED IN BATTLE


YOU HAD HARD LUCK, HUH, MISTER-LOSING YOUR LEG IN THE WAR AND YOUR SON TOO
WE SET IT UP HERE IN HIS MEMORY
IT MEANS MORE TO ME THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD

HUH-IT'S HARD LUCK ALL RIGHT I FOUGHT FOR MY COUNTRY AND LOOK WHERE IT GOT ME!

CHEER UP, MISTER! DON'T LET SOMETHING LIKE A FEW DEBTS GET YOU DOWN!
THE K.D MUST'VE HEARD!

HANG IN THERE, MISTER!

LIKE MY PAPA ALWAYS SAYS, "THERE'S BAD TIMES AND THERE'S GOOD TIMES BUT WHATEVER BELONGS TO THE WORLD GETS TAKEN CARE OF IN THE WORLD"!!

HEH HEH- SMARTALECK KID!

WINDOW REPAIRS, ANYONE?

GLASS! GLASS!

GET YOUR GLASS REPLACED!

DOES ANYBODY NEED GLASS?

:PUFF PUFF- I'VE GOT TO EARN SOMETHING TOWARD MY DEBTS- EVEN A LITTLE

GLASS FOR SALE!

GET YOUR WINDOWS REPLACED!

IT'S NO USE NOT A SINGLE ORDER FOR GLASS I'M TIRED. MIGHT AS WELL GO HOME.

PUFF PUFF ...

GLASS, ANYBODY?

. . .

堀川ガラス店

MR HORIKAWA, PLEASE PUT FOUR PANES OF GLASS IN MY HOUSE.

I NEED TWELVE PANES

MY HOUSE NEEDS THIRTEEN PANES

ELEVEN FOR MY HOUSE

EIGHTEEN AT MY PLACE

SEVEN FOR ME

MINE NEEDS EIGHT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

I'LL GO PUT THEM UP RIGHT AWAY

WHERE DID ALL THESE ORDERS COME FROM? THANK GOODNESS, THANK GOODNESS!

SIGN HORIKAWA GLASS

OUR WINDOWS ARE BROKEN IT LOOKS TERRIBLE. SO PLEASE HURRY

Y-YES. RIGHT AWAY

AMAZING! A TOTAL OF 320 PANES THIS IS A LOT OF WORK, I'VE GOT TO HUSTLE!

THANK HEAVEN. I'VE FINALLY FINISHED REPLACING THE GLASS

NOW I CAN EVEN REPAY MY DEBTS.

WHA—

TIP TOE TIP TOE

WRUNCH

SMASH SMASH SMASH SMASH

HEY, YOU--! WAIT!

UH OH!

THAT KID THERE- THAT BRAT- GRAB HIM!

AACK
THIS PUNK WON'T GET AWAY AGAIN!

SO YOU'RE THE ONE, EH - THE ONE WHO'S BEEN BREAKING THE WINDOWS AROUND HERE!

I'M SORRY! I WAS TRYING TO CATCH A DRAGONFLY THAT LANDED ON THE WINDOW, AND I BROKE IT!

THERE'S A LIMIT EVEN TO PRANKS!

SMACK

FWAAH

WHERE'S YOUR HOUSE? I'VE GOT A THING OR TWO TO TELL YOUR PARENTS.
THEY SURE DID A ROTTEN JOB OF CHILD-REARING!

CMON, LET'S GO!
S-SO THAT'S IT HE DID IT TO HELP ME..
H-HEY..
YOUNG FELLOW
GO-Z
HURRY UP, YOU LOUSY BRAT!
SNARL
SNARL
SNARL
WHAT HE DID IS TRULY INEXCUSABLE WE'LL GIVE HIM A GOOD TALKING TO, SO PLEASE FORGIVE US.
IF HE PLAYS THAT KIND OF PRANK AGAIN, WE'LL TAKE HIM TO THE COPS! UNDERSTAND?!

OOPS!

AA OK

WHAT KIND OF STUPID IDIOT..

COME HERE-!

YIEEE! I'M SORRY PAPA!

YAAGH! I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY!

BONK

YOU IMBECILE!!

THIS TIME I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.

MAMA, HELPP! EIKO, HELPPPP! SHINJI, HELPP!

SEE, YOU'RE NOT SO SMART EITHER!

SHADDUP!

YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND!

HEE HEE! YOU LOOK LIKE AN OUTLAW, GEN!

THAT POOR OLD GUY'S BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH IN THE WAR IT'S WORTH IT TO GET INTO TROUBLE..

BIG BROTHER'S A DUMMY, A DUMMY!

SHUT UP! I'LL GET YOU LATER!

HEEHEEHEE!!

TICKLE TICKLE

YAAH-- STOP IT, SHINJI!

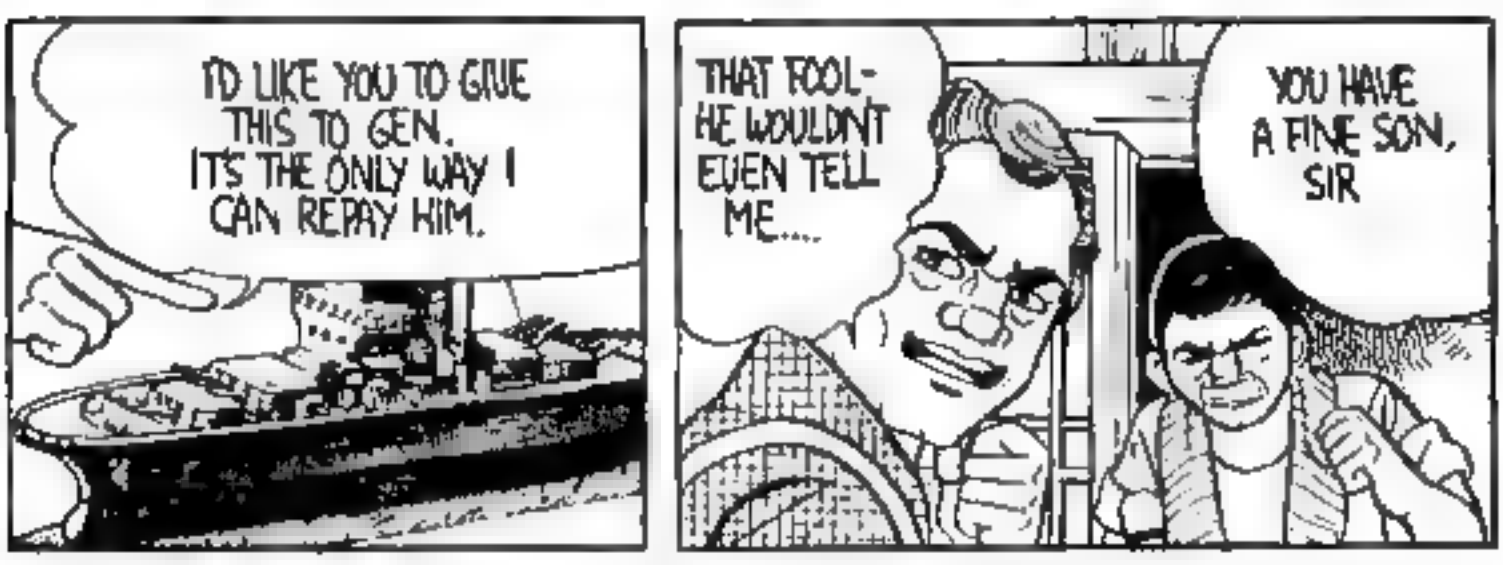
AHAH HAHH

WA HA HAH- S-STOP SHINJI--

YOU ALWAYS ACT LIKE YOURE SO GREAT! NOW I'M GONNA GET BACK AT YOU!

YAA HA HA HA WHOO HOO HOO I CAN'T STAND IT, STOP!!

W-WE HAD NO IDEA GEN BROKE THE GLASS TO HELP YOU ..
TODAY HAS BEEN THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE.


I'D LIKE YOU TO GIVE THIS TO GEN. IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN REPAY HIM.
THAT FOOL- HE WOULDN'T EVEN TELL ME....
YOU HAVE A FINE SON, SIR
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF MR HORIKAWA
T- THANK YOU.
PAPA, WHEN ARE YOU GONNA LET GEN DOWN?
WAAH— I'M HUNGRY --!

WOW! IT'S THAT BATTLE-SHIP!
GEN MR HORIKAWA FROM THE GLASS STORE BROUGHT THIS TO GIVE TO YOU

EAT YOUR HEART OUT!
I BLEW IT! IF I HADN'T TEASED GEN I BET HE'D LEND ME THIS SHIP

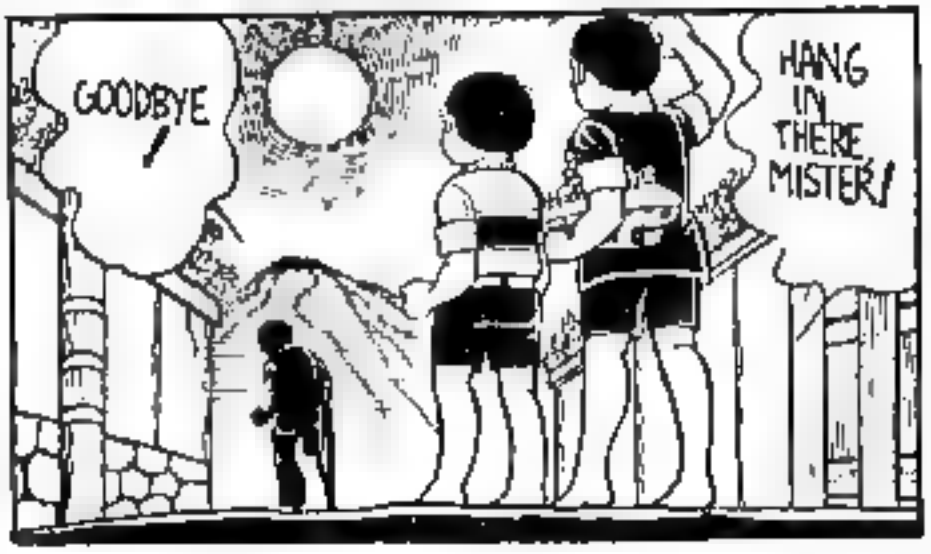
GEN GO THANK MR HORIKAWA HE GAVE YOU HIS SON'S PRECIOUS KEEPSAKE
YEAH

GEN, FROM NOW ON, SPEAK THE TRUTH!
EH HEH HEH- DID I GET FOUND OUT? S-SORRY, PAPA!

HEH HEH HE'S GROWING INTO A STURDY ONE
HEEY, GEN, WAIT!!

HEY THERE, SON, TAKE GOOD CARE OF THAT SHIP!
I-I SURE WILL, MISTER! THANK YOU!

MISTER, IF YOU NEED HELP, LET ME KNOW AND I'LL BREAK MORE GLASS FOR YOU!!


GOODBYE!
HANG IN THERE, MISTER!

EH HEH HEH.. YOU SURE ARE GREAT, GEN! ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU?

NO.

YOU HATE ME, DON'T YOU?

T-THAT'S NOT TRUE! REALLY, I LIKE YOU LOTS!

DO YOU REALLY LIKE ME?

YES, REALLY

WELL, THEN, I'LL GIVE YOU THIS.

WOW!

Y-YOU'RE REALLY GIVING IT TO ME?

Y-YUP

T-THANKS, GEN! GOSH, I'VE GOT A SWELL BROTHER!

GEE!

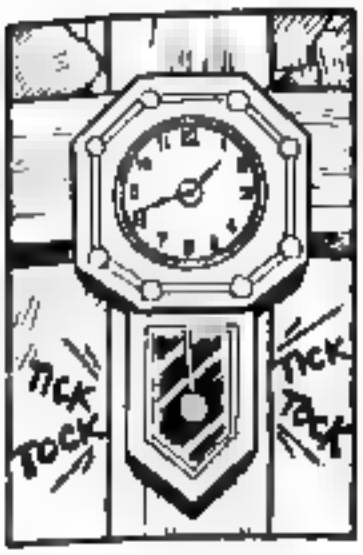
SHINJI, DON'T ACT LIKA DOG ANYMORE, UNDERSTAND?

ALL HANDS ON DECK! BATTEN THE HATCHES!

YAHOO! BANZAI!

YOWEE! GEN, TOMORROW LETS FLOAT IT ON THE RIVER!

GEE, I WANTED THAT SHIP TOO. IT'S HARD TO GIVE IT UP, SIGH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GEN!
MY BATTLESHIP IS FLOATING DOWN THE RIVER— LOOK AT IT GO!

SHINJI'S SO HAPPY WITH THAT BOAT— TOMORROW HE'S GOING TO TAKE IT DOWN TO THE RIVER!

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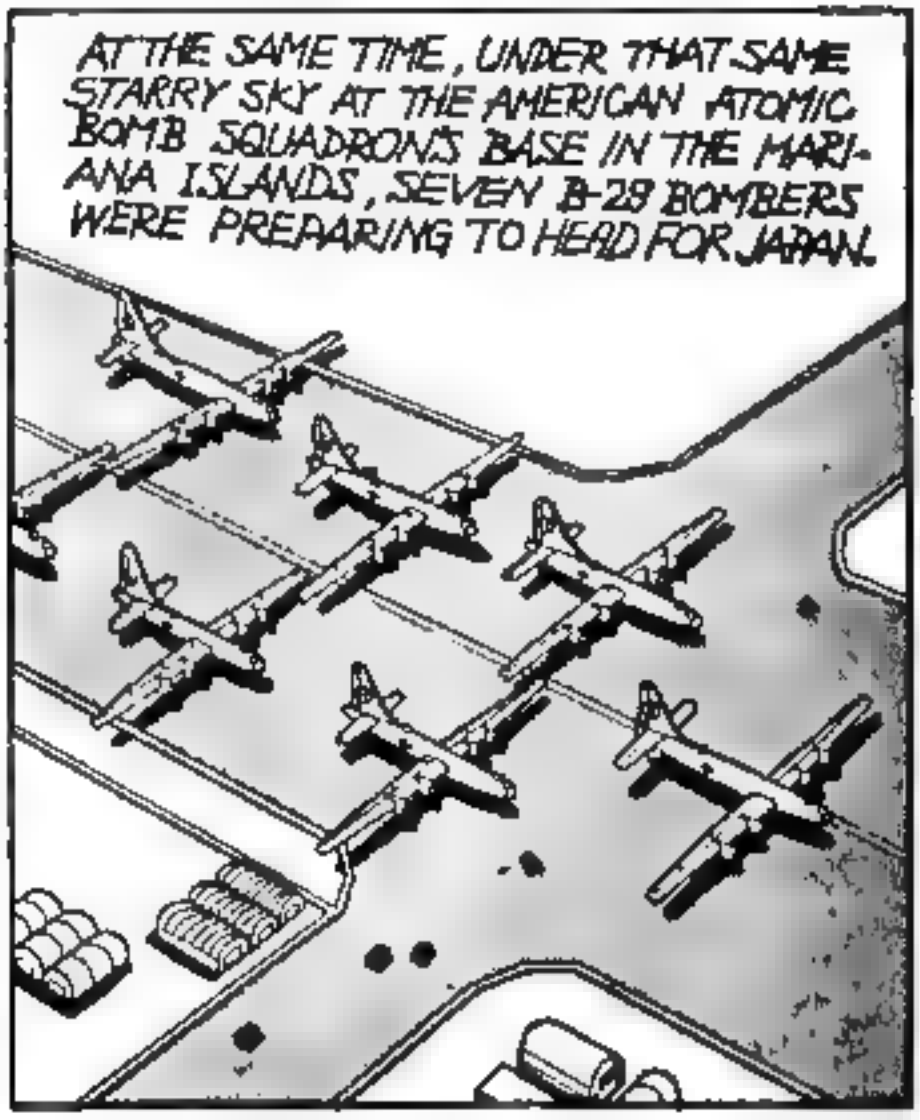
SUNDAY

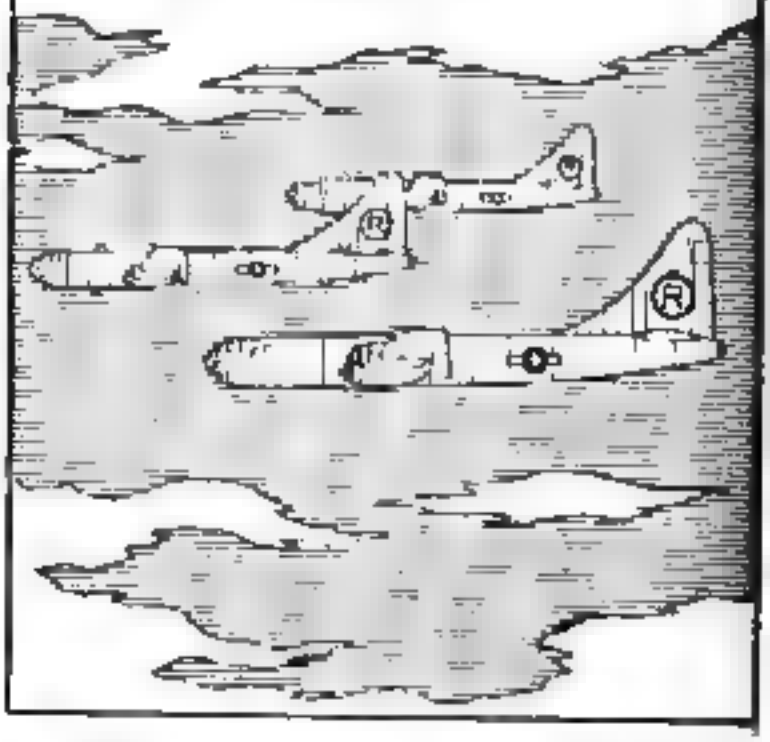
GEN'S GOOD TO HIS LITTLE BROTHER, GIVING HIM THAT BATTLESHIP...

LOOK, DEAR —WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SKY!
UM-M— THE WEATHER WILL BE GOOD TOMORROW, BUT IT'S GONNA BE HOT.


AT THE SAME TIME, UNDER THAT SAME STARRY SKY AT THE AMERICAN ATOMIC BOMB SQUADRONS BASE IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS, SEVEN B-29 BOMBERS WERE PREPARING TO HEAD FOR JAPAN.

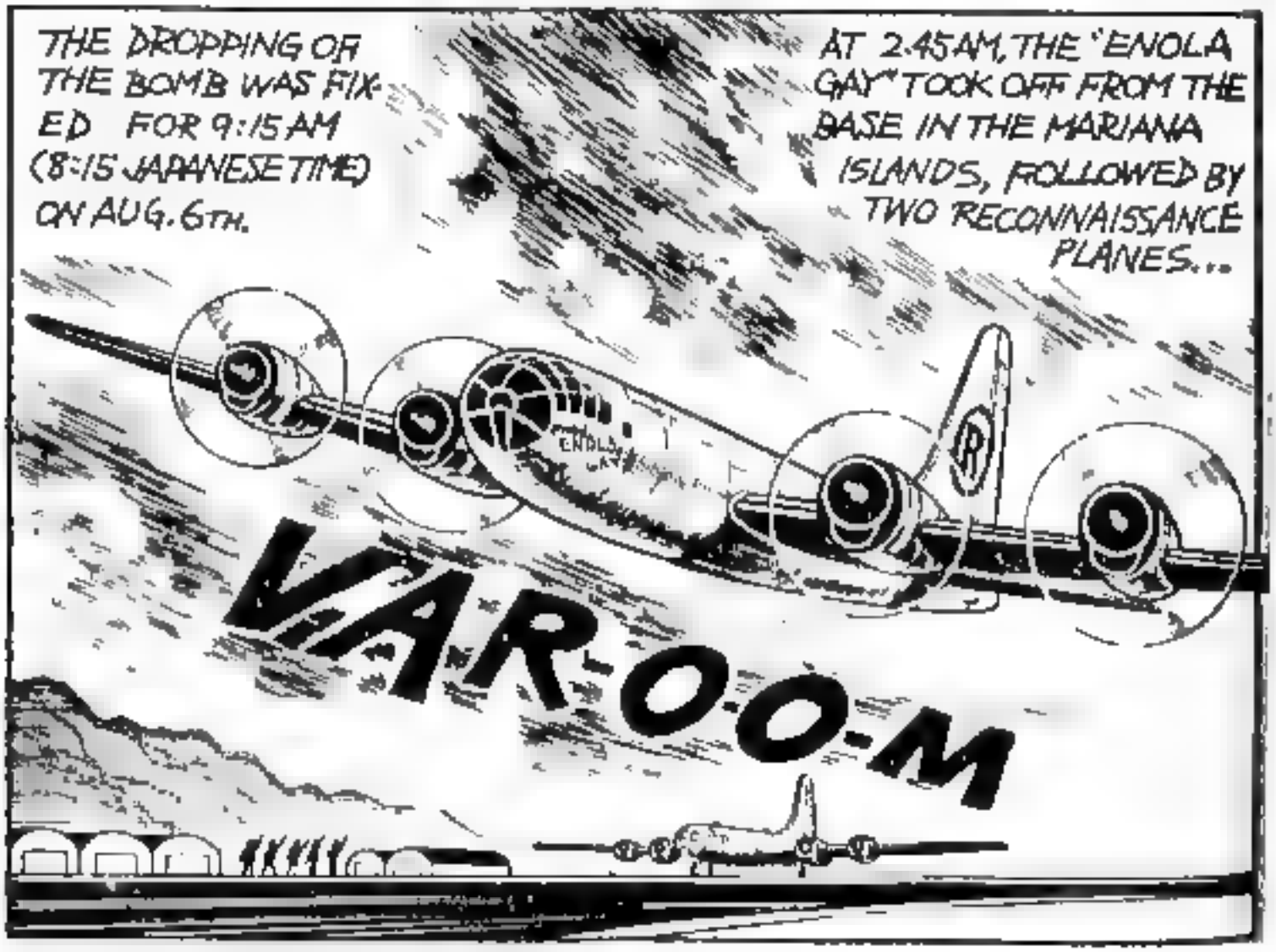
ONE OF THOSE SEVEN, NAMED THE "ENOLA GAY" AFTER THE MOTHER OF THE PILOT, LOADED WITH THE ATOMIC BOMB "LITTLE BOY" WAS BEING READIED FOR TAKEOFF.

AT 1:35AM THREE WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE PLANES TOOK OFF FOR HIROSHIMA, THE NUMBER ONE TARGET CITY. AND REPORTED "IDEAL WEATHER"; IT WAS DECIDED THEN TO DROP THE ATOMIC BOMB ON HIROSHIMA.



THE DROPPING OF THE BOMB WAS FIXED FOR 9:15 AM (8:15 JAPANESE TIME) ON AUG. 6TH.

AT 2:45AM, THE "ENOLA GAY" TOOK OFF FROM THE BASE IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS, FOLLOWED BY TWO RECONNAISSANCE PLANES...



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A TERRIBLE FATE WAS HEADED FOR GEN'S CITY OF HIROSHIMA.
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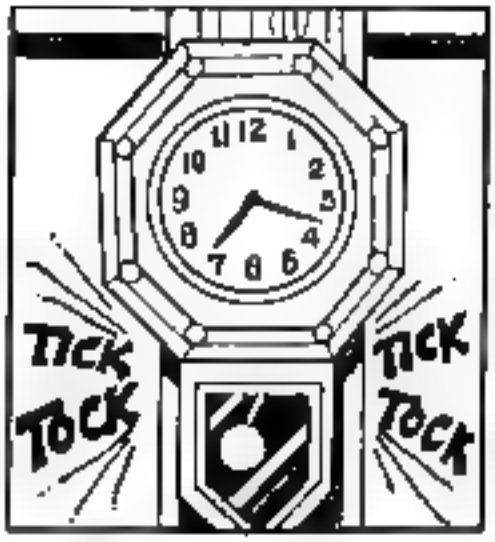
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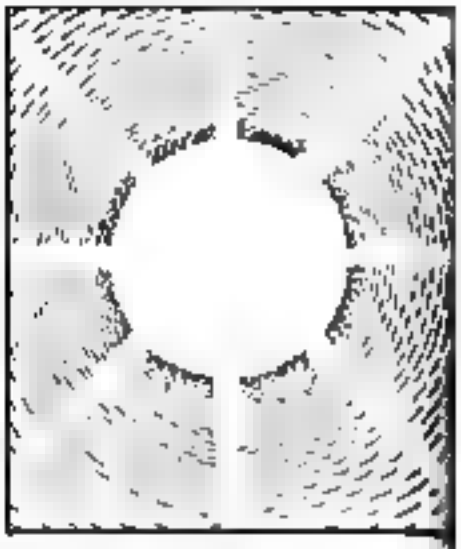
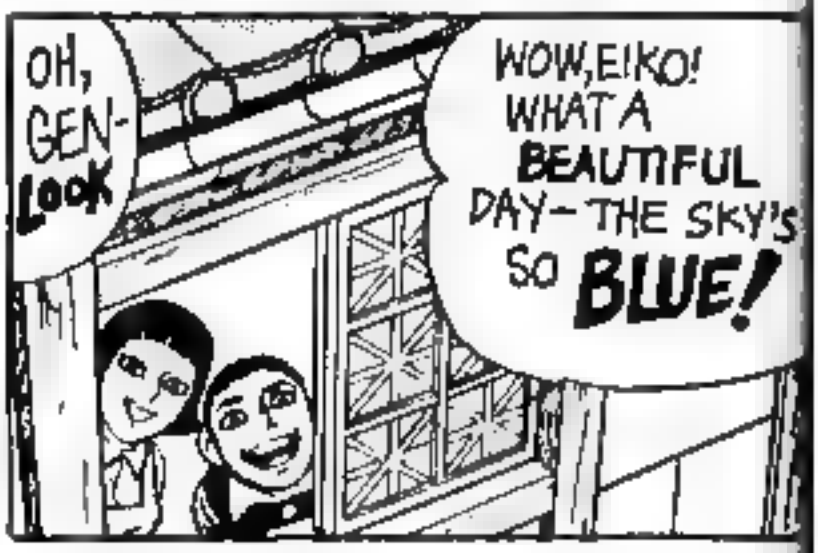
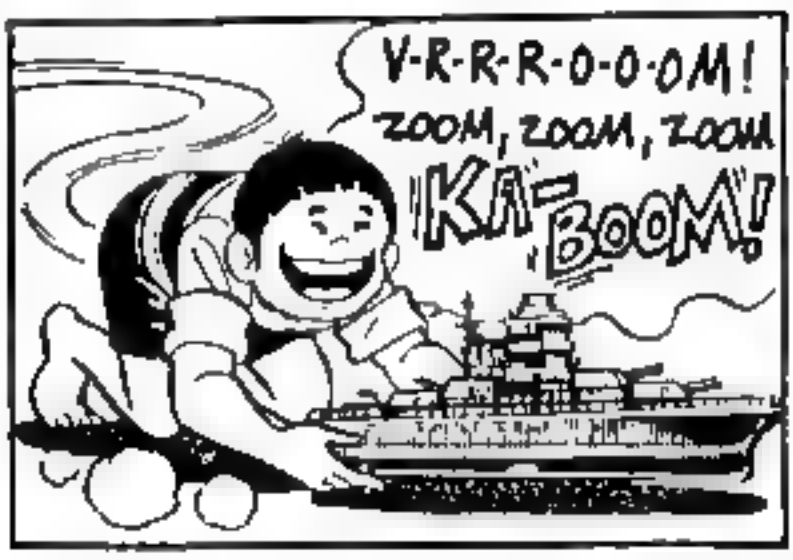



OH, GEN-
LOOK
WOW, EIKO! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY - THE SKY'S SO BLUE!

EIKO .. GEN - BETTER GET READY FOR SCHOOL...
O.K., MAMA


V-R-R-R-O-O-O-M!
ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM
KA-BOOM!

THAT'S A MIGHTY FINE BATTLESHIP GEN GAVE YOU, SHINJI!
I KNOW! - AND I SURE LOVE GEN!

WHEEEE

OH, NO- IT'S AN AIR RAID!

DEAR-

THE ENEMY PLANES ARE SURE EARLY TODAY!

QUICK!

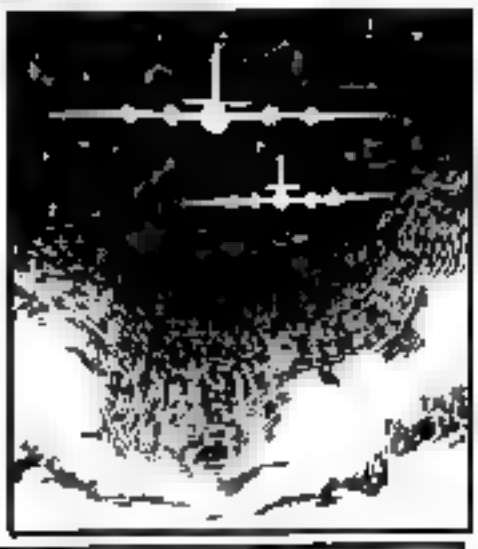
HURRY! HURRY!

AIR RAID! AIR RAID!

I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT...

DON'T WORRY, MOM- IT'S JUST A SCOUT PLANE- THEY'LL BE GONE REAL SOON.

-ANYWAY, THERE'S A "P" ON OUR ROOF, SO THEY WON'T HIT IT.



RIGHT ON SCHEDULE— THE BOMB WILL DROP AT 08:15 JAPAN STANDARD TIME

BAR-O-O-OM

WE'RE ALMOST OVER HIROSHIMA.

PRO-CEED INTO ATTACK FORMA-TION!

WEATHER PLANE CALLING "ENOLA GAY"! NUMBER ONE ATTACK OBJECTIVE HIROSHIMA CLEAR FOR ATTACK BOMB DROP.

WHEN THEY FIND OUT HOW POWERFUL THIS ATOM BOMB IS THOSE JAPS'LL BE PRETTY SURPRISED THEY'LL SURRENDER RIGHT AWAY.

GOOD LUCK, ENOLA GAY.

WE'LL BE WAIT-ING AT THE RENDE-VOUS POSI-TION.

ALL CLEAR!

ALL CLEAR!

SEE? IT WAS JUST A SCOUT!

THANK GOODNESS.. THEY DID GO AWAY, AFTER ALL.

IF THE BOMB HAD BEEN DROPPED AT THE TIME OF THIS FIRST AIR RAID WARNING,

MANY PEOPLE WHO WERE IN THE AIR RAID SHELTERS WOULD HAVE LIVED. BUT, THINKING THE ENEMY PLANES HAD GONE, THEY CAME OUT, RELIEVED.

OKAY, MOM

HURRY, CHILDREN - YOU'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL..

I'M GOING ON AHEAD, EIKO.

BE CAREFUL, GEN!

DON'T WORRY, MOM

♪ BEGGARS, BEGGARS, FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER - HOLDING THEIR PAILS ♪ OUTSIDE THE GATE - HEY MISTER! ♫ ♪ HEY MISTER! GIVE US SOME RICE! GIVE US A ♫ BELLYFUL OF RICE ♪♫

HURRY BACK SO WE CAN FLOAT THE BATTLESHIP AFTER SCHOOL, GEN!

SURE THING!!

MAKE SURE YOU **HURRY BACK**, GEN - I'LL BE WAITING FOR YA!

TICK TOCK TICK
TICK TOCK TICK
EIKO, YOU'D BETTER HURRY!
O.K.- I JUST HAVE A LITTLE MORE HOMEWORK TO FINISH---
A-R-R-R-UMPH! TIME FOR WORK!
THE BATTLESHIP SHINJI-MARU IS OUT ON A MISSION TO FIND SWEET POTATOES!
ONE POTATO, TWO POTATO, ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM!
PRETTY GOOD WEATHER, HUH?
♪ BEGGARS, BEGGARS, FROM ALL THE WORLD O-O-OVER ♪
OH, IT'LL GET HOTTER THIS AFTER-NOON...
ALL RIGHT; TODAY THE GIRLS' SERVICE LABOR BRIGADE WILL MOVE ROCKS. YOU NINTH GRADERS WILL FINISH TEARING DOWN THIS BUILDING...
WE'VE BE TO WIDEN THE ROADS SO ITS EASIER T ESCAPE!

UNAWARE OF THE HELL THAT WAS APPROACHING IN THE SKY, HIROSHIMA BEGAN THE DAY AS USUAL...

EXCUSE ME, YOUNG MAN-

YES, MA'AM?

SIGN: "KAMIYAMA NATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

IS THE FIRST GRADE CLASS HELD AT THE SCHOOL OR THE TEMPLE?

GEE, I DON'T KNOW- YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK THE TEACHER...

HEY!

IT'S A B-29!

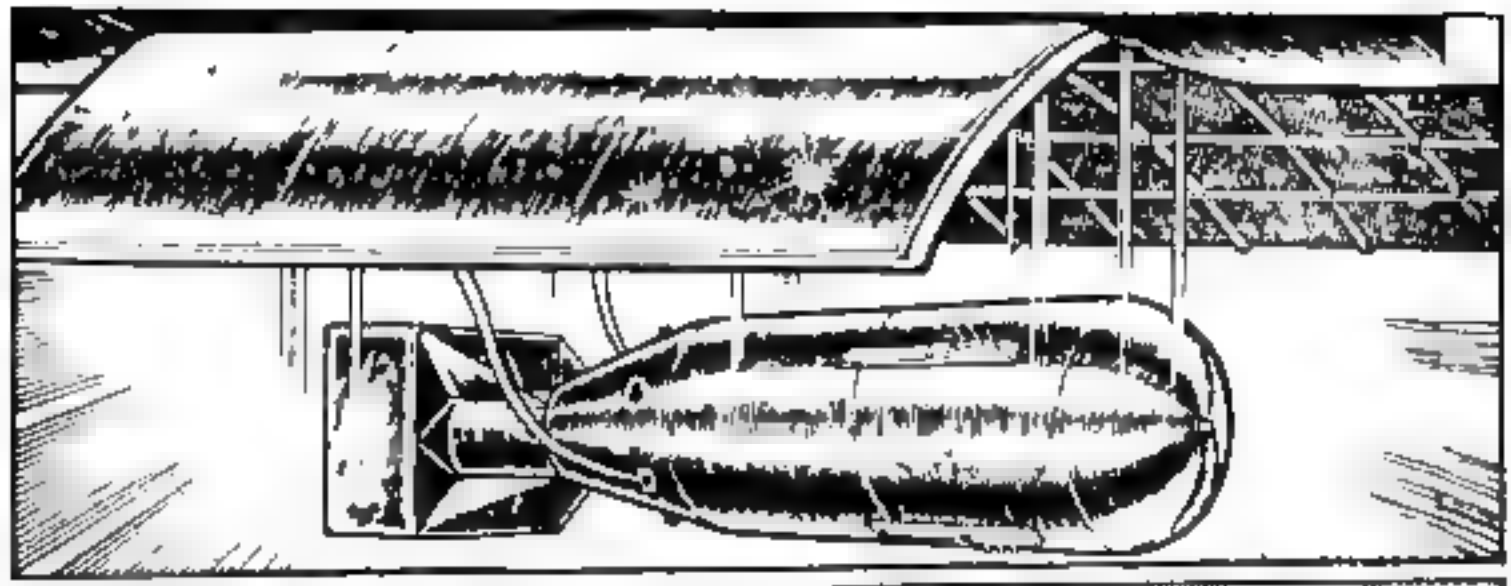
WHEN DID IT GET HERE?

THAT'S STRANGE- THE SIRENS DIDN'T EVEN GO OFF...

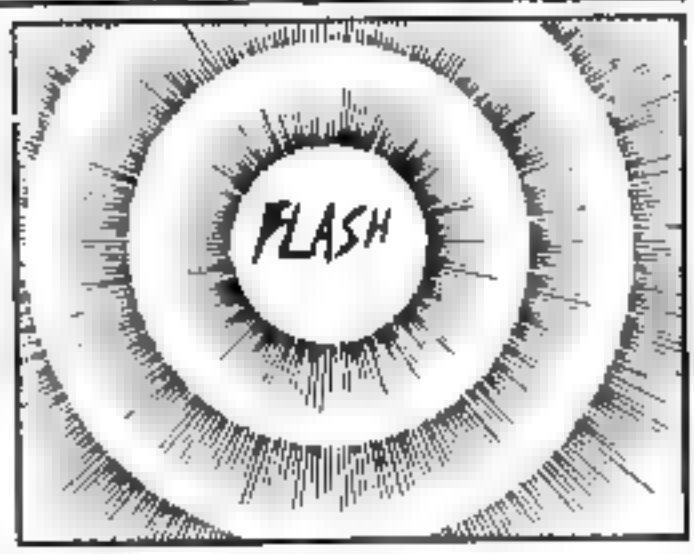
THE FUSELAGE IS SHINING IN THE SUN.

ENOLA GAY

ALTITUDE 31,600 FEET— LET IT GO!



...THERE'S SOMETHING WHITE FALLING..

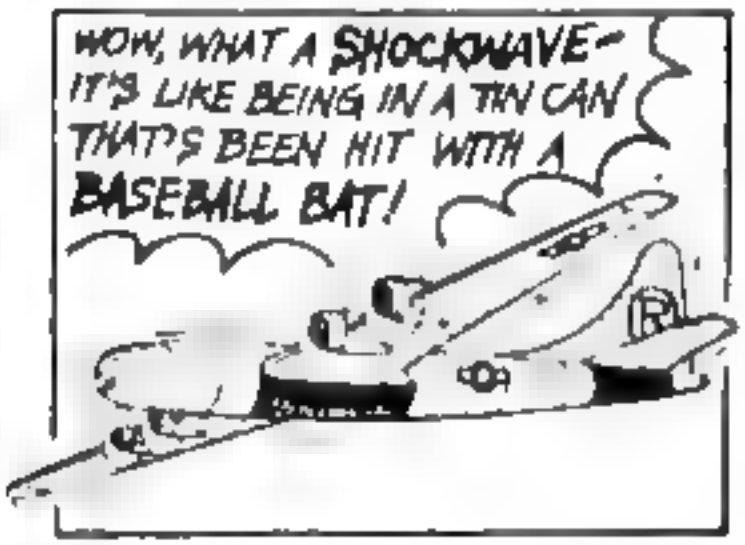

FLASH

43 SECONDS LATER, 1800 FEET OVER HIROSHIMA, THE ATOMIC BOMB NAMED "THIN BOY" EXPLODED WITH A WHITE-HOT LIGHT—
IT WAS AS IF A MILLION FLASHBULBS HAD GONE OFF AT ONCE...
FLASH

WH-O-O-O-SH

WHOOOSH

WE DID IT! IT'S A SUCCESS!


WOW, WHAT A SHOCKWAVE- IT'S LIKE BEING IN A TIN CAN THAT'S BEEN HIT WITH A BASEBALL BAT!

LIKE A WIND FROM HELL, THE ATOMIC CLOUD ROARED UP 6 MILES INTO THE SKY OVER HIROSHIMA...

UH-H-H-H.

UH-H-H . WHAT HAPPENED? IT'S PITCH DARK!.. NIGHT ALREADY?

HOW COULD THAT BE? I WAS ON MY WAY TO SCHOOL...

SOMETHING FLASHED ...AND AFTER THAT I DON'T REMEMBER A THING...

WOW, WHAT'S WITH THIS WALL?

GASP
IT'S... IT'S THE LADY I WAS JUST TALKING TO —WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HER SKIN?
L-L-L-
LADY?
SHE'S... SHE'S
DEAD!
MA!!!
MA-A-A-A

SOME-ONE'S COMING!
H-HEY! HEY, MISTER! HELP!! THIS LADY'S DEAD!
GASP!

THE PEOPLE LOOK LIKE MONSTERS!
WHAT HAPPENED?
WHERE'S MY HOUSE? EVERYTHING'S BEEN KNOCKED FLAT—
PAPA...! MAMA... EIKO... SHINJI...

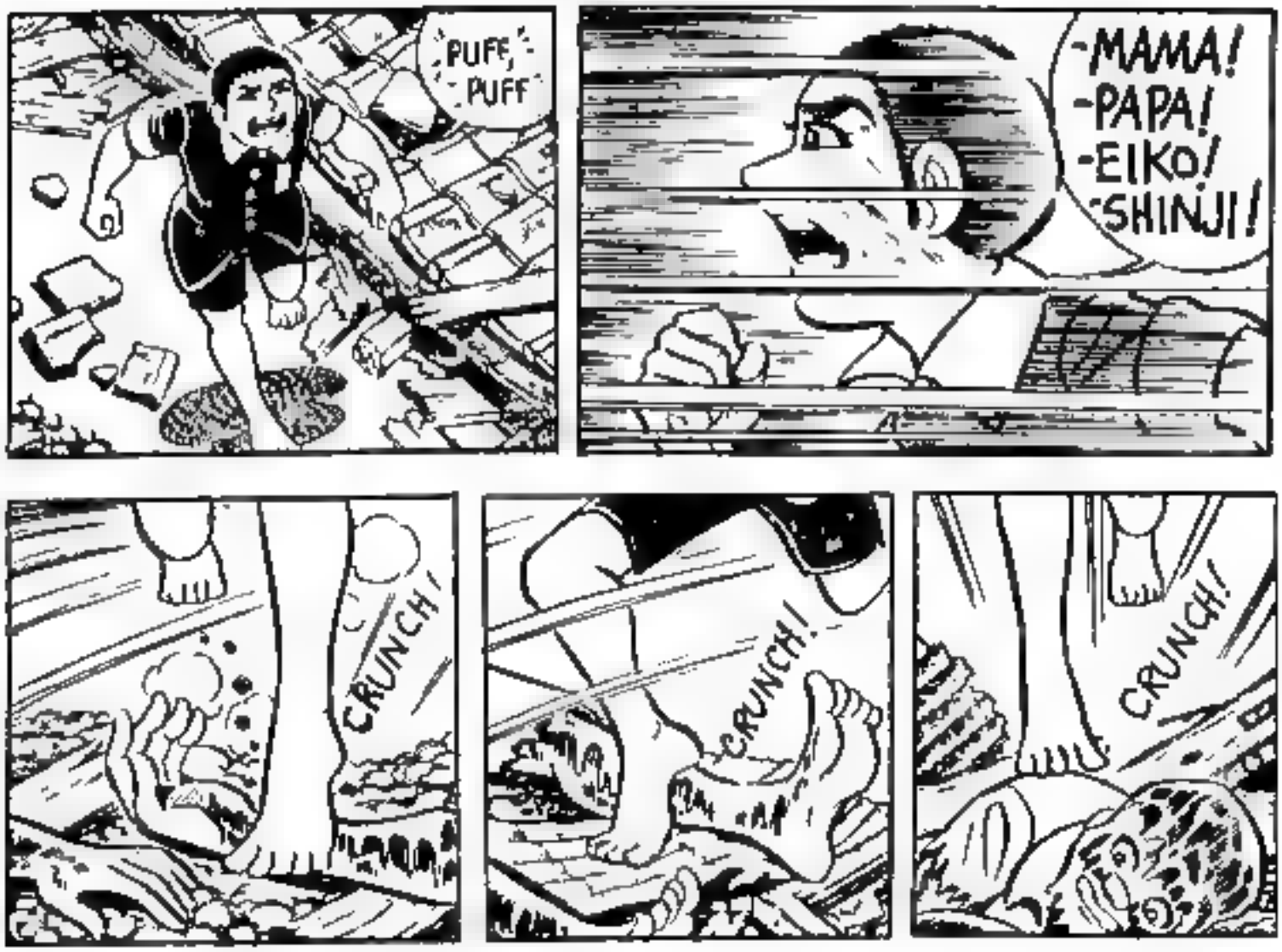
ARGH! WHAT DO YOU WANT? LET GO OF ME!!
SON - SONNY... BRING ME... WATER...

PLEASE . . PLEASE .. MY THROAT IS BURNING.. . WATER

HANG ON, MISTER, JUST HANG ON - I'LL GET SOME...
QUICK

WHE-HE-HE
THE HEAT OF THE EXPLOSION LITERALLY MELTED THE SKIN OF ALL WHO WEREN'T SHELTERED FROM THE RAYS... THOSE WEARING DARK CLOTHING WERE BURNED PARTICULARLY BADLY... MOST PEOPLE WERE LEFT NAKED, THEIR CLOTHING RIPPED AWAY BY THE FORCE OF THE BLAST...
WOW— THAT HORSE IS ON FIRE!!

I'LL USE THIS HELMET TO CARRY WATER IN...
MOMMY! I CAN'T SEE!!
HANG ON! I'LL WASH YOUR HANDS IN A SECOND...
THE BLAST STUCK ALL THIS GLASS INTO US!!
WHY DID ALL THIS HAPPEN—WHY? I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND...
HEY, MISTER! I GOT YOU SOME WATER!
M-M-MISTER ?
HE. HE'S DEAD!
GASP!
HELP!
RUN!
—THE FIRE'S SPREADING THIS WAY!


PUFF, PUFF
-MAMA!
-PAPA!
-EIKO!
-SHINJI!
CRUNCH!
CRUNCH!
CRUNCH!

I CAN'T EVEN TELL WHICH HOUSE IS MINE - THEY'RE ALL JUMBLED UP
SOMEBODY..?
HELP!
HELP!
GET US OUT OF HERE, PLEASE!
WOW! IT'S THE BLOCK SUPERINTENDENT AND RYUKICHI!

YOU! NAKAOKA BOY! MOVE THIS BEAM— PLEASE!
HUMPH! YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE! AFTER CAUSING US SO MUCH TROUBLE!
GEN! HELP US OUT OF HERE!
I BEG OF YOU— PLEASE!
IF YOU GET US OUT OF HERE, I'LL DO ANYTHING TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU...
GUESS THERE'S REALLY NO CHOICE - WHAT CAN I DO BUT HELP YOU?
SCRAPE
O.K. WHEN I LIFT THIS BEAM, YOU SLIDE OUT... GOT IT?
UNNGH
WE GOT OUT! WE'RE SAVED!

PUFF PUFF

THANK YOU, GEN!

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

I GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO!

PAPA...! MAMA...! EIKO...! SHINJI...!

MAMA!

GEN! OVER HERE!

YOU. YOU'RE ALRIGHT?

WHERE'S PAPA AND EIKO AND SHINJI?

TH-THEY'RE UNDER THE HOUSE

QUICK! GET US OUT OF HERE!

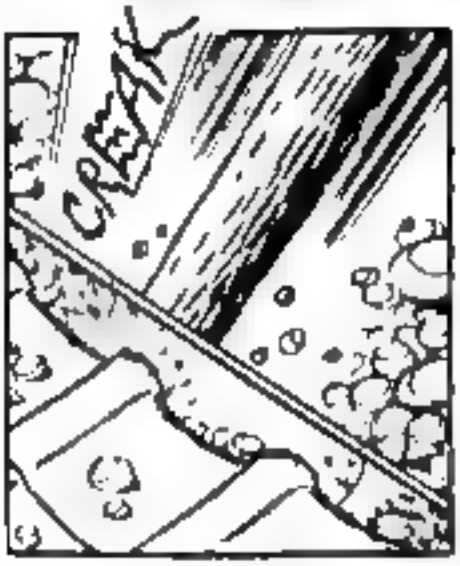
WAH! IT HURTS! IT HURTS!

PAPA! EIKO! SHINJI!

GEN! THANK GOD YOU WEREN'T HURT!
GEN! MY LEG HURTS- IT'S STUCK!

OH, GEN- HELP! I CAN'T EVEN BUDGE THAT ROOF...
DAMN! I'LL GET THEM OUT SOMEHOW

GEN! IT HURTS- IT HURTS!
HOLD ON, SHINJI- I'LL GET YOU OUT IN A MINUTE!


CREAK

UNGGH

COME ON, GEN, HURRY! GET ME OUT- OW W W!
UNGGH-

D-DAMN! IT WON'T BUDGE!!

OH H-H- WHAT'LL WE DO?

OW-W-W-W-W

I KNOW! I'LL GET THE BLOCK SUPERINTENDENT AND RYUKICHI TO HELP! THEY CAN'T HAVE GONE VERY FAR!!

PAPA-EIKO-SHINJI— HOLD ON, O.K.? I'LL GO GET SOME HELP!

WAIT! MY FAMILY'S CAUGHT UNDER OUR HOUSE— I NEED YOUR HELP!

ROAR

COME ON, QUICK— COME BACK AND HELP ME!

ARE YOU CRAZY? THE FIRE'S GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER! IF YOU DON'T ESCAPE, YOU'LL BURN UP, TOO!

HEY— DIDN'T I JUST HELP YOU? NOW IT'S YOUR TURN - YOU'VE GOTTA HELP...

...YOU SAID YOU'D DO ANYTHING FOR ME..

STOP! WAIT! I NEED YOUR HELP!

COME ON, RYUKICHI - WE'VE GOTTA **RUN** - IF WE DON'T, THE FIRE'LL GET **US**, TOO!

YOU RATS! YOU NO-GOOD **BASTARDS** !!!

I'LL NEVER FORGET THIS! YOU RATS!

OMIGOD - THE FIRE'S GETTING **CLOSER!**

SOMEBODY! SOMEBODY, **HELP!**

-HELP ME RESCUE MY FAMILY!

SOMEBODY! ANYBODY!

KIMIE! CAN'T YOU **DO** SOMETHING?

NO-- THE BEAM IS TOO **HEAVY!**

OH, THIS TERRIBLE **BEAM!**

SLAP! SLAP!

IT'S NO USE, MAMA— I CAN'T MOVE IT AND THERE'S NOBODY AROUND TO HELP W-WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

I DON'T KNOW, GEN— WHAT CAN WE DO??

OH-H-H, SHINJI !!!

OW-W-W... GEN! GET ME OUT OF HERE!

DAMN THIS ROOF!

UNGGG... UNNNG..

THE FIRE'S COMING THIS WAY !!

DAIKICHI..! SHINJI..! E.KO ! IT'S NO USE ANYMORE...

MAMA! MAMA..! THE FIRE.

DAMN YOU, FIRE! GET BACK!! GO AWAY!

I'M GOING TO STAY HERE AND DIE WITH YOU...

SHINJI! SHINJI! DOES IT HURT?

YES, GEN- YES...

K-KIMIE! RUN!! TAKE GEN WITH YOU AND RUN!

-AT LEAST YOU TWO CAN BE SAVED!!

No! No!! I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU- I CAN'T LEAVE SHINJI AND EIKO

I'LL DIE WITH ALL OF YOU...

YOU FOOL- YOU'VE GOT TO LIVE!

NO!!

KIMIE! LISTEN TO ME! YOUR DUTY AS A MOTHER ISN'T OVER YET- AKIRA'S STILL IN THE COUNTRY, KOJI'S IN THE NAVY, AND THERE'S THE NEW BABY IN YOUR BELLY— THEY NEED A MOTHER!!

NO! NO..! I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU!

-I CAN'T LEAVE MY CHILDREN HERE TO DIE!

ME, NEITHER- I DON'T WANNA LEAVE EIKO AND SHINJI!

NO! NO!

YOU FOOLS! GO ON! GET OUT OF HERE- GO!

A-H-H-H-H!!
SHINJI!
SHINJI..
EIKO...!
EIKO!
PA-A-PA!
GEN! LISTEN TO YOUR FATHER I TOLD YOU TO RUN!!
TAKE YOUR MOTHER AND RUN!
STOP CRYING, GEN- DON'T HURT ME MORE THAN IT ALREADY HURTS...
C-R-R-ACKLE
C-R-R-ACKLE
GEN! BE STRONG- SNAP OUT OF IT!!
HURRY, OR YOU'LL GET CAUGHT IN THE FIRE!!
A-ALRIGHT, P-PAPA
I'LL GO.
OH SHINJI.
THAT'S NO FAIR, GEN- YOU CAN'T LEAVE!!

THERE'S JUST NO WAY OUT OF THIS, SHINJI— NO WAY...

BUT GEN! YOU PROMISED YOU'D FLOAT THE BATTLESHIP WITH ME TODAY— TAKE ME WITH YOU!!

I HATE YOU, GEN - I HATE YOU!

WAA-A-A- I WANNA FLOAT MY BOAT ON THE RIVER!

NO, PAPA, NO! I CAN'T!

GO- PLEASE!! I BEG OF YOU!

GEN! WHAT'S TAKING YOU SO LONG?! HURRY! TAKE YOUR MOTHER AND GO!

THE. . THE FIRE'S REACHED OUR HOUSE.

OH, SHINJI !! DON'T CRY! PLEASE DON'T CRY. !!
WH-A-A-A GE-EN-N
HEY!
THE BATTLE-SHIP!

SHINJI !! I FOUND YOUR BATTLE-SHIP!
W-H-A-A! GEN!
TAKE THIS AND HOLD ONTO IT TIGHT! OK, SHINJI?
W.LL MY BATTLESHIP GO FAST IF WE FLOAT IT ON THE RIVER, GEN? WILL IT? HUH?
S-SURE WILL, SHINJI- IT'S THE FASTEST IN ALL OF JAPAN!
REALLY, GEN? REALLY?
REALLY, SHINJI... REALLY.

GEN!
QUICK-TAKE YOUR MOTHER— HURRY!
YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR MOTHER FOR ME!

I-I-I UNDERSTAND, PAPA— I UNDER-STAND..
THERE'S A BABY IN YOUR MOTHER'S BELLY - YOUR NEW BROTHER OR SISTER... YOU CAN'T DIE— YOU'VE GOT TO LIVE!

R-O-A-R

MAMA! IT HURTS!
WAH-H-H!
IT'S HOT, GEN! IT'S HOT! THE FIRE'S ON MY LEGS!

SHINJI! EIKO! PAPA!
I'M GONNA— I GOTTA GO!

TAKE CARE OF YOUR MOTHER, GEN— DON'T GIVE UP!

NO! I DON'T WANT TO GO!
MAMA! LET'S GO! WE HAVE TO DO AS PAPA SAYS...

COME ON, MAMA. LET'S GO- COME ON, MAMA-
No! No!
I'M GO NG TO D E WITH THEM!!
I'M GOING TO DIE WITH EVERYONE ELSE!!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
E
W-W-WAA!
WA-A-A-A!!
MAMA! MAMA!!

ROAR
CRRASH
RUN!
HELP!
A-A-A-G-H

NOOOH/ NOOOH/

MAMA. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

GEN KIMIE, GET OUT FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE RUN/

CRACKLE ROAR

MAMA! GEN/ I'M BURNING UP/

SHINJI-- EIKO-- PAPA--

G-G-GH-

G-G-GH-- B BROTHER

NOOOOOH-- SHINJI-- EIKO--/

KIMIE, YOU FOOL/ WHY DON'T YOU RUN?/

G-G-GH

NOOOOH ---DEAR-

PAPAAA!

ROARR

WE'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE, MAMA!

HEE HEE HEE PAPA'S BURNING— EIKO'S BURNING— SHINJI'S BURNING...

MAMA!!

HA HA HA HA! BURNING BURNING, EVERYONE'S BURNING!!

MAMA, MAMA, HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY?!

HA HA HA HA

MAMA, MAMA, WE'VE GOTTA RUN!
HA HA HA HA

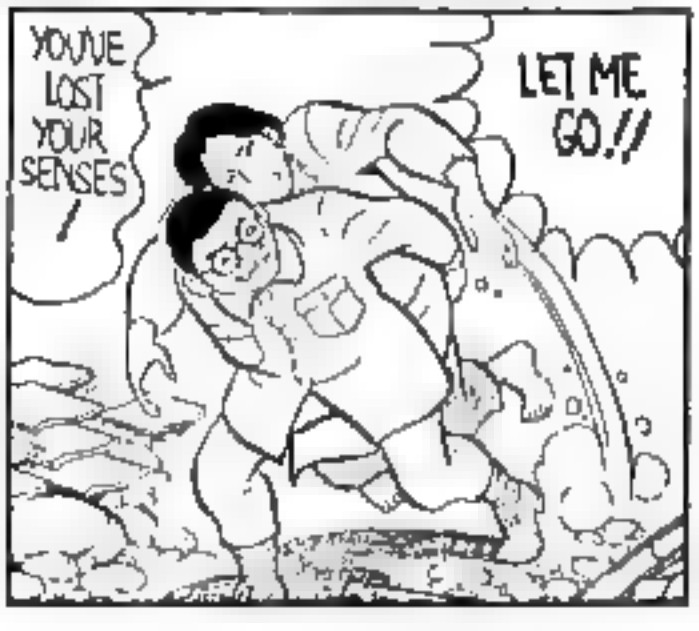
HA HA HA HA
SOMEBODY-- SOMEBODY HELP!!

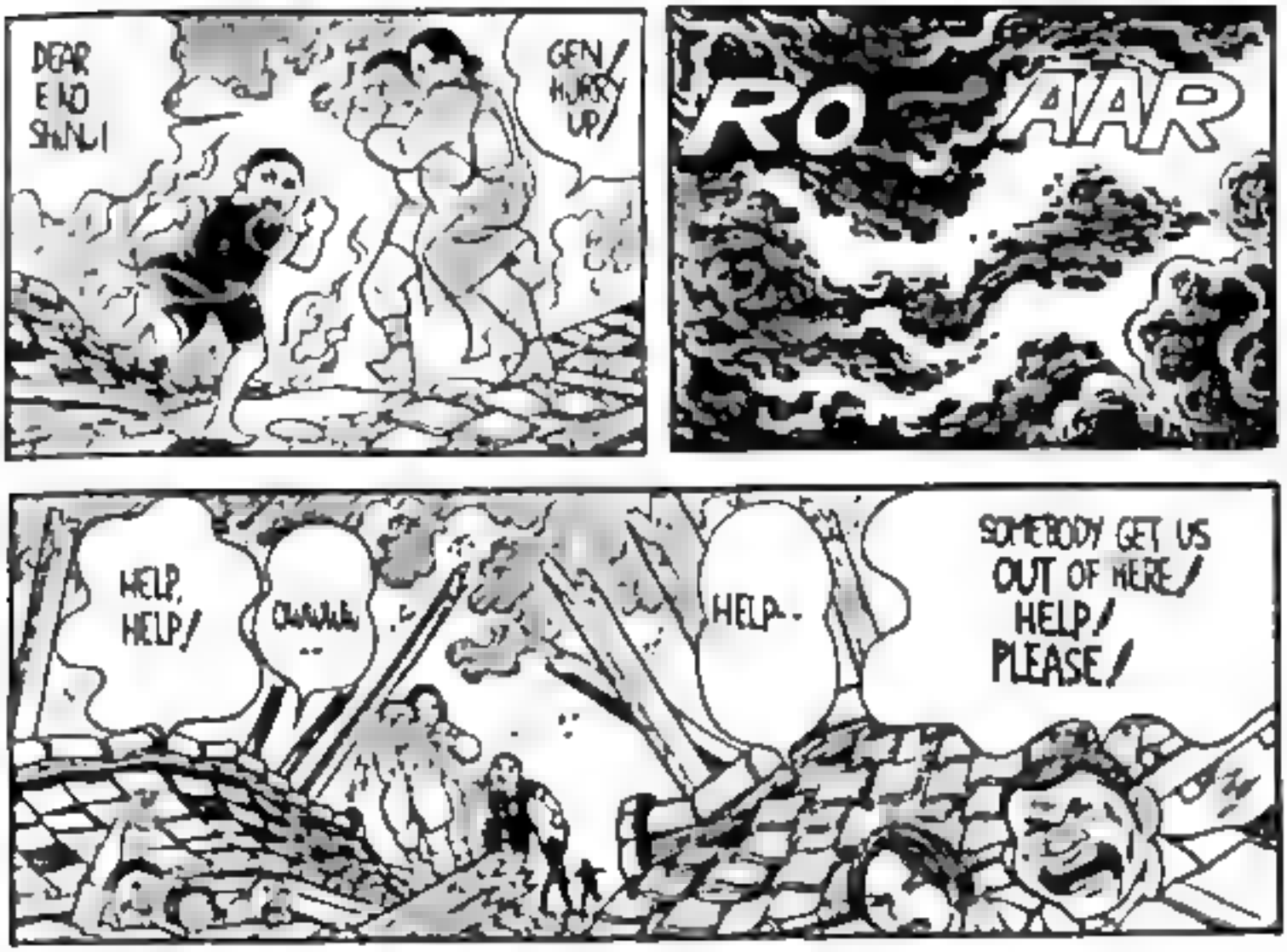
HA HA HA HA
MAMAAAA! GET HOLD OF YOURSELF!

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING AROUND FOR? YOU'LL BE BURNED TO DEATH!
MR PAK!

OH, IT'S GEN AND MRS NAKAOKA!
MR PAK HELP MY MAMA! SHE'S GONE CRAZY!

LET GO OF ME! I WANT TO DIE! I WANT TO DIE WITH PAPA AND EIKO AND SHINJI!
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER MA'AM!


YOU'VE LOST YOUR SENSES!
LET ME GO!!


DEAR EKO SHINJI
GEN HURRY UP!
RO AAR
HELP, HELP!
OWWWW
HELP..
SOMEBODY GET US OUT OF HERE! HELP! PLEASE!
CRASH
NAGH!
POFF PUFF
IT HURTS
HELPP! HELP!
HELP..
NAMU AMIDA BUTSU NAMU AMIDA BUTSU
HELP

HELP!
HELP!
LET'S JUMP IN THE RIVER
GASP
GASP
GASP
OUUUU HUH -
THE PIRATES REACHED
TO THE SEA!

HANG ON. EVERYONE! SWIM, SWIM!

I CAN'T MAKE IT, SIR!! I'M ALL BURNED AND I'VE GOT CRAMPS.. I CAN'T SWIM.

SING, EVERYBODY. RAISE YOUR VOICES AND SING!!

"WE'RE CHILDREN OF THE SEA BY THE SURF-ROUNDED SHORES OF MATSUBARA"

YOSHIDA-- HATSUKAWA ONO--

HATSUKAWA -- KAWADA--

AS FLAME REACHED OUT TO FLAME THE INFERNO SWIRLED HIGHER THE CITY OF HIROSHIMA, WHICH HAD A POPULATION OF 400,000 AT THE TIME, WAS REDUCED TO ASHES

RO~ARRRR

THANK YOU, MR. PAK

I THINK WE'LL BE SAFE HERE I'M GOING TO GO LOOK FOR MY FATHER

I'M GLAD YOU'LE COME TO YOUR SENSES, MA'AM YOU HAD ME WORRIED

WHAT'LL WE DO NOW MAMA?

NGH--!

UHHHH IT HURTS...

P-PAINS L-LABOR PAINS--!

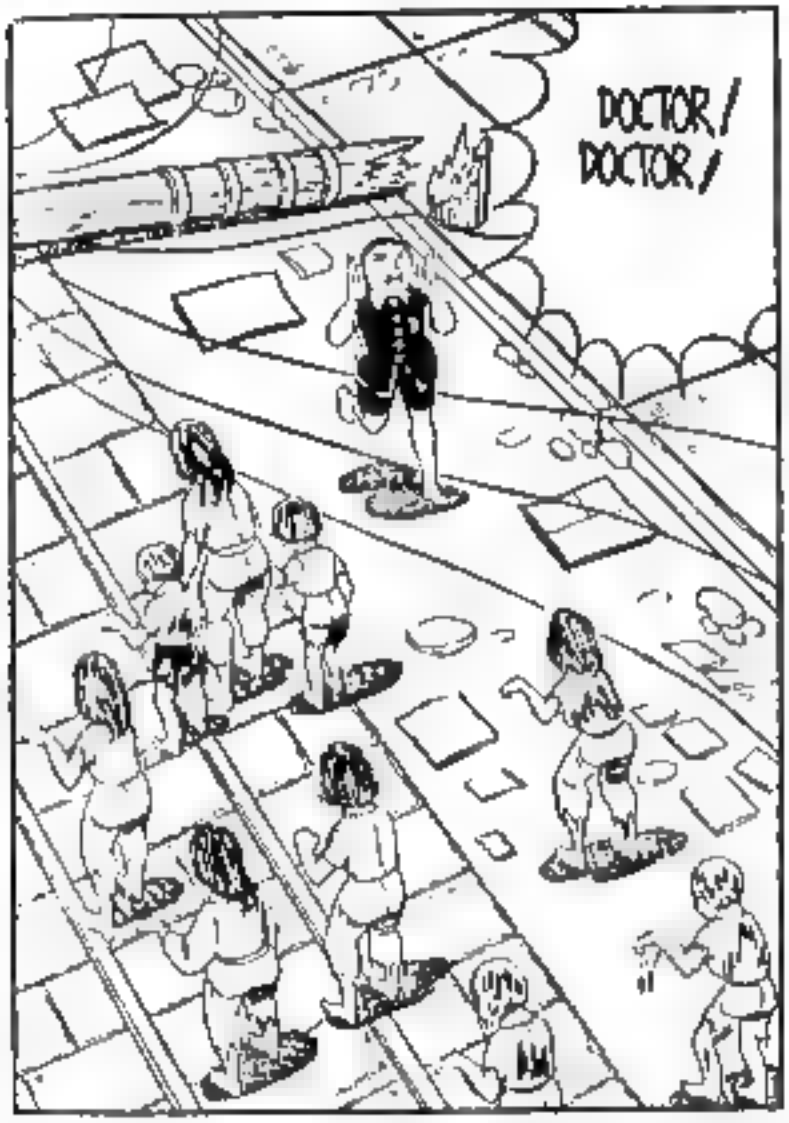
L-LABOR PAINS -?!

MAMA! WHAT'S WRONG?

G-GEN THE BABY I'M HAVING THE BABY

OOOHHH
G GEN HURRY,
GO FIND A DOCTOR....
Y-YES,
MAMA!

IS THERE A DOCTOR
ANYWHERE?
MY MAMA'S GONNA
HAVE A BABY!!
PLEASE HELP!
HELP!
DOCTOR!


DOCTOR!
DOCTOR!

MA'AM,
DO YOU KNOW
WHERE I CAN
FIND A DOCTOR?
MY MAMA NEEDS
ONE!
WE CAN'T
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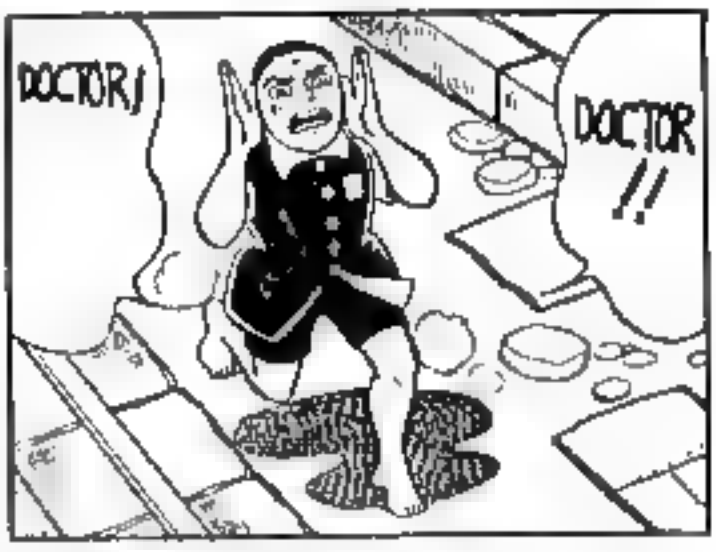
DOCTOR!
DOCTOR
!!

OHH,
OHH
GIVE
ME
WATER
WATER
MY MAMA'S
HAVING
A BABY
!!
PLEASE,
SOMEBODY
HELP!

T-THERE'S NO DOCTOR ANYWHERE-- WHAT'LL WE DO?
AHHHHH NGHH .
OHHHH . I-IT HURTS..
MAMAA! I CAN'T FIND A DOCTOR!
WHAT'LL WE DO?
I-IT'S NO WONDER, IN THIS CONFUSION.
GEN, YOU'LL HAVE TO DELIVER THE BABY.
M-ME? I CAN'T DO THAT!
PANT PANT DO AS I SAY AND IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT
GO GET SOME BEDDING, A BUCKET AND LOTS OF CLOTH FROM THOSE HOUSES OVER THERE
F-FILL THE BUCKET FULL OF WATER, AND BRING SOME SCISSORS--
WHATRE THE SCISSORS FOR ?!
TO CUT THE UMBILICAL CORD. NOW HURRY!

PUFF PUFF

OH NO! THIS GUY'S BEEN SMASHED IN THE HEAD BY A BOARD!

FORGIVE ME. I'M BORROWING THESE THINGS FOR MY MAMA.

AHHHH AHHHH

PUFF PUFF! MAMA. I BROUGHT THEM!

HURRY, MAMA, LIE DOWN HERE!

G-G-GH

PANT PANT

MAMAAA! BE BRAVE!

GEN-- THIS BABY WILL BE YOUR LITTLE BROTHER OR SISTER... BE LIKE A BIG BROTHER, BE STRONG!

YES, MAMA!

G-GGH...

HANG ON, MAMA!

HANG ON!

AAAAA-AAAHHH!

WAAAAAH

SSS PANT PANT...

IT'S BORN!

THE BABY'S BORN, MAMA!

WAAHH! WAAHH!

PANT PANT. HOLD THE BABY'S HEAD GENTLY AND WASH ITS BODY WITH WATER.

RIGHT!

HEE HEE HEE. IT'S A GIRL! MY LITTLE SISTER! GEE. SHE'S GOT A FACE LIKE A MONKEY'S!

WAAHH! WAAHH! WAAHH!

HEY THERE, TOMOKO! I JUST BROUGHT YOU INTO THE WORLD ALL BY MYSELF — I'M YOUR **BIG BROTHER**, SO YOU'D BETTER LISTEN TO ME...

WA-A WA-A

HURRY AND **GROW UP** SO WE CAN PLAY TOGETHER!

PAPA- EIKO- SHINJI- **LOOK!**

WE'VE GOT A NEW **LITTLE SISTER!!** SEE HOW HEALTHY SHE IS? SHE'S GOING TO BE BEAUTIFUL WHEN SHE GROWS UP... SHE'S...

SH- SHE'S...

W-A-A-A-A...

...Y-YOU'LL NEVER KNOW HER...

-LET ME HOLD HER, GEN...

REMEMBER THIS, TOMOKO! THIS IS WHAT TOOK YOUR FATHER, BROTHER AND SISTER FROM US... THIS IS **WAR**—

WHEN YOU GROW UP, YOU MUST **NEVER** LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN!!

W-A-A-A...

(TO BE CONTINUED)